

Music development plan summary: Ormiston Meadows Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Cat McEwan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Kelly Moore
Name of local music hub	Peterborough Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, co-curricular provision and musical experiences – and what changes we are planning in future years. This information is to help pupils and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our pupils' music education.

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time and how much time is spent teaching music

At Ormiston Meadows, we follow the 'Sing Up' music curriculum. See our website for further information. This curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) as set out by the government. This scheme is supplemented by instrumental lessons devised by our music specialist.

At Ormiston Meadows, we pride ourselves on our inclusivity and work very hard to ensure all pupils have access to our broad and balanced curriculum.

All classes receive 1 hour of music from a music specialist each week. This includes:

- 45 minutes of curriculum lessons, in classrooms or our music room, where pupils are taught about the interrelated dimensions of music through singing, listening, exploring instruments, improvising and composing.
- All pupils from Y3-5 receive at least one term of Whole Class Instrument Tuition from either our resident music specialist, or an instrument specialist from Peterborough Music Hub.

- All pupils attend a weekly whole school singing assembly for 20 minutes, which aims to develop singing skills whilst broadening and deepening their understanding of our music curriculum.

Singing

Singing is at the heart of our music curriculum. It is accessible to all pupils, helps to develop speaking and language skills, can be accessed anywhere and is completely free. Pupils begin learning chants and simple songs with a limited note range, gradually moving on to eventually sing more complex songs and sing in harmony with each other.

Instruments

We are lucky to have a fantastic selection of classroom instruments available in our spacious music room. Pupils in EYFS and KS1 use a wide range of tuned and untuned percussion instruments. They learn to play a steady beat, rhythmic patterns and simple melodies along to music. They also have lots of opportunities to improvise and compose their own rhythms and melodies.

From years 3-6, pupils undertake at least one term of Whole Class Instrument Teaching:

Y3 – Recorder

Y4 – Ukulele

Y5 – Violin (provided by a specialist strings teacher from Peterborough Music Hub)

Y6 – Samba drumming

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for pupils to sing and play music outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how pupils can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Peripatetic Instruments

In addition to teaching whole class violin lessons in Y5, the specialist strings teacher from Peterborough Music Hub also provides small group violin tuition from year 4 – 6 for a small number of pupils.

Pupils from Y1 – Y6 are also able to receive peripatetic instrument tuition on request. This means they can have additional instrument lessons as individuals or as part of a small group. These lessons take place during the school day and usually last between 10 and 30 minutes, depending on the type of lesson.

Lessons are provided by specialist teachers from JMP music and are paid for by parents. Costs start at under £5 per lesson and financial support may be available. Please contact the school office for further information.

We also encourage any pupils learning an instrument, whether with JMP in school or with another provider at home, to attend PCYM – a Saturday music school run by Peterborough Music Hub at Ormiston Bushfield Academy.

Choir

We have a well-established choir, run by our resident music specialist teacher on Wednesdays after school. Our focus is on singing for pleasure, however, there are lots of opportunities to develop vocal technique with guidance from our music specialist.

Our choir love to get out and perform regularly, singing in assembly, in our local community at places such as the residential home next-door and the school summer and Christmas fayres, and even taking part in larger events such as Young Voices and singing at the OAT national conference.

Part C: Musical experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in class, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

Concerts

Each term, we aim to hold a concert in school to showcase our musical talents. These concerts will showcase a range of music across school with performances from our y5 whole class violinists, small group violins, peripatetic learners who have lessons in school, pupils learning instruments at home and, of course, our talented choir.

We also host 'Ormiston's Got Talent' – organised by our dedicated PTA. This is an opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents across a wide range of areas, but musical talent is always a highlight.

Trips

In the past, we have attended events such as Young Voices and Singing Days organised by *Peterborough Sings!* We are continually looking to expand opportunities for pupils to experience music outside of school.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years.

We are currently expanding our peripatetic instrument offer – we are hoping to hold a demonstration assembly after half term, so look out for further information about how your child can sign up to music lessons in addition to our curriculum offer.

We are busy planning a Christmas Concert – more information to follow soon!

Further information (optional)

If your child is interested in taking their musical learning further, PCYM (Peterborough Centre for Young Musicians) is held on Saturdays at Ormiston Bushfield Academy. Please visit this site for further information: [Peterborough Centre for Young Musicians – Where Music Matters \(pcym.org.uk\)](http://peterboroughcentre.org.uk)

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.