



Music Development Plan Summary: St George's School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	23/09/2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Autumn Term 2025
Name of the school music lead	Ms A Humphrey
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr B Cullis
Name of local music hub	Hertfordshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Musicale

Part A: Curriculum music

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10-11	Year 12-13
Curriculum Map Y7-MC 1 Hr per week Class size: 25+	Curriculum Map Y8-MC 1 Hr per week* Class size: 25+	Curriculum Map Y9-MC 1 Hr per week Class size: 25+	Curriculum Map here GCSE-MC 2-3 Hrs per week 20-35 students each year (2 classes)	Curriculum Map here ALevel-MC 4 Hrs per week 5-12 students each year (1 class)
Music is a very unique subject which ALL students enjoy and can learn from. It is a language, a science, a mathematical formula, an expression, a range of emotions and (very often) a story. Playing, composing and singing reinforces numeracy and literacy, promotes positive peer relationships and is 'instrumental' in growing confidence and sense of self. The St George's Music curriculum is exciting, innovative and engaging – and all students, regardless of prior musical experience will... • Be able to play and compose catchy tunes (melody) • Develop accompaniment skills (chords, bass lines, drum beats) • Sing as a group, improving posture and promoting well-being and humour! • Embrace creativity and produce high level musical work • Advance their ICT literacy using Digital Audio Workstations			Music is a popular GCSE choice for a diverse range of students, and the flexible Edexcel course makes it suitable for musicians of any experience*. GCSE Music is a great choice for students aiming for Universities with rich musical histories – eg. Oxbridge, Bristol, Salisbury, York, Exeter, Liverpool. Classes are mixed ability and taught across 5 hour long sessions per fortnight.	A Level Music is a very enjoyable course, often selected by students hoping to take Music further – or requiring a highly regarded balancing subject that requires creative and academic flair. We undertake the Edexcel syllabus, largely an extension of the GCSE – where much of the content and skills overlap and develop further. All coursework is submitted to an external examiner.



Part B: Co-curricular music.

Instrumental Tuition: One to One

St George's works in partnership with Musicale, a privately run Instrumental and Vocal lessons provider – whose premises are leased on the school site. The relationship is very positive, and the Music Department works in close co-ordination with the tutors of GCSE and A Level students (and their accompanists) to ensure the best outcomes in performance exams.

Instruments offered:

Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello, Guitars

Woodwind: Clarinet, Flute, Oboe, Saxophone, Bassoon

Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, Tuba, Trombone, French Horn

Others: Piano, Drum-kit, Voice

Finance: Musicale lessons priced at £28.30 per 30mins (longer lessons available)

Scholarships: Douglas Dawn Memorial Scholarship (£200) annual for 1 student with aptitude (Year 9) and Sir Halley Stewart Prize (£125) for singing tuition (Year 12)

Pupil Premium: Free hire of instrument from Music Department (saxophones, flute, clarinet, double bass, tuba)

Instrumental Tuition: Small Group

St George's staff lead smaller tuition in the form of Clarinet Club, Improvisation Station (for saxophonists and brass) and Senior Students tutor a small group Y7-8 male singers.

Autumn and Spring Extra Curricular Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chamber Choir	Senior Choir	Clarinet Club Junior Choir	Lower Boys Choir Training Orchestra	Improv Station Snr String Quartet
Jnr String Quartet		Chamber Choir	Jazz Band	Senior Orchestra
Summer Extra Curricular Timetable				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chamber Choir	Summer Show Choir	Clarinet Club	Lower Boys Choir	Improv Station Snr String Quartet
Jnr String Quartet		Chamber Choir	Jazz Band	Summer Show Band



Part C: Musical experiences

Annual Concerts

House Music (External Theatre) 400 students
Concerto Saturday: Senior Orchestra + soloists
Remembrance Sunday: Chamber Choir Performance
Winter Warmer: Festive Jazz Band
Junior Carol Service: Junior Choir, Training Band, Boys Choir, Soloists
Senior Carol Services: Senior Choir, Chamber Choir, Soloists
Spring Music Concert: All Autumn and Spring Term groups
Harpenden Spring Festival: Instrumentalists in amassed Orchestra
Summer Showcase: All Summer groups and soloists

Additional Performance Opportunities

Chamber Choir: Hatfield House Chamber Music Festival, Guests at London Oriana Christmas Concert – St James' Piccadilly London, Harpenden Town Mayor's Civic Service
Special Chapels – Holocaust Memorial Service, Harvest Chapel, Holy Communion
Prize Giving Ceremonies – Soloists (x3)

Weekly Singing

Chapel features weekly collective worship hymns, the school song and start/end of term hymns

Professional Concerts

Annual GCSE Trip to see Wicked - (free to PP/FSM)

In the future

Department Targets for Future Improvement:

- Secure regular, appropriately sized rehearsal space for large ensembles – with safe local storage for timpani / xylophone and other at-risk of damage instruments
- Secure resourced and monitored practice room(s) for student groups: eg. Rock Bands
- Improve teaching spaces (eg. visible white-boards) with appropriate resources
- Greater opportunities for pianists for performance: Piano Recital Evening (old library)
- Subsidised lessons for target instruments: Double Bass, Viola, Bassoon, Oboe,
- Greater opportunities for access to Professional Performances
- Establish regular School Musical – every 2 years