

Outwood Academy Shafton Music Development Plan summary:

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.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Kate Wragg
Name of local music hub	Barnsley Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

This is about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Outwood Academy Shafton, pupils study music for one hour per week in Key Stage 3.

Pupils who choose music as an option study GCSE music in Year 10 and BTEC Tech Award in Year 11 for 3 hours per week.

Our curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (MMC).

At Outwood Academy Shafton pupils are exposed to a wide range of musical styles from Classical, Popular and Film music, building on their cultural capital whilst also focusing on musical elements such as forms of notation and forms and devices within them.

Pupils have the opportunity to learn to play and develop on keyboard, ukulele (leading to guitar and bass guitar) and using music technology throughout Year 7-9. In Year 7-9 pupils work individually and in pairs to develop as keyboard players. Whole-class ukulele and guitar workshops take place in Year 7, 8 and 9. Pupils also work in small groups to combine their keyboard, ukulele (and guitar) percussion (drumming) skills as part of a band, developing not just skills as musicians but also wider skills such as patience, resilience, teamwork and confidence.

Pupils begin to use simple DAW software (GarageBand) to create Film Music in Year 8, and develop further understanding of Garageband while completing a Disco project in Year 9.

Outwood Academy Shafton works closely with Barnsley Music Service (local music hub) on classroom, instrumental lessons and enrichment opportunities. We also have strong working partnerships with the other secondary schools in our local area and the Outwood Academy Community, working together on curriculum planning, delivery, assessment and extra-curricular activities, including joint concerts and other music-making events.

Pupils have the opportunity to study Music in Year 10 and Year 11 through the Eduqas GCSE and BTEC Tech Award in Music Practice.

Students also have the opportunity to work towards Graded Instrumental examinations with both ABRSM and Rock School.

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.

At Outwood Academy Shafton, pupils have the opportunity to receive high-quality small-group tuition on piano, guitar, bass, ukulele, cornet, tenor horn, euphonium, tuba, clarinet, flute, violin, cello or drums. These lessons take place during the school day and are offered free of charge to students receiving Free School Meals and/or studying for GCSE or BTEC Music Qualification. These lessons are provided by Barnsley Music Service and Ian Marsh Tuition.

ENSEMBLES

Pupils can join either the school choir or brass band.

There are also a number of smaller rock/pop bands and a keyboard club to further pupil experience.

Pupils can borrow instruments from school for practice and there are practice rooms available after school for private practice and small group rehearsal.

Part C: Musical experiences

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

Pupils in Yr 7 will attend a concert at the end of the Autumn term, featuring performances by pupils showcasing their classroom work, extra-curricular clubs and pupils who have instrumental lessons in school and privately.

All students are invited to our annual school production

All pupils and parents are invited to a Summer concert in July, again showcasing high-quality music which takes place both in and out of lessons. This concert is free to pupils and parents.

Key Stage 4 students are taken to see a classical orchestra and participate in composition workshops with a professional composer

There are also a number of smaller concerts and events which take place during the school year, for example

- Remembrance Day service
- Year 5 and 6 transition concerts
- School production
- Community events such as Christmas in the community - These include performing for the residents in local care homes (planned for December 2025), at our feeder primary schools and in joint concerts at other secondary schools in the Trust.

In the future

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

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We hope to be able to expand our extra curricular offer by increasing the number of students accessing instrumental lessons.

We also aim to increase the opportunities for pupils to experience live performances and work with professional performers and composers.