

Music development plan summary:

Outwood Academy Riverside

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	William Oseland
Name of local music hub	Tees Valley Music Service (TVMS)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music In Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST), Teesside School Of Music, Musinc

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, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that pupils can achieve.

At Outwood Academy Riverside, Music is highly valued in the curriculum, and this is reflected with students in KS3 being taught two hours of Music each week.

This consists of one lesson focusing on the MiSST curriculum and another focusing on broader musical skills. All students who arrive at Outwood Academy Riverside are presented with an orchestral instrument at the start of year 7. This instrument is vital in the delivery of the MiSST curriculum, where students receive expert tuition on this instrument across KS3. The golden thread of the MiSST practice routine embeds vital skills in our students. Using Kodaly to understand rhythm, consistent notation reading and accurate application to an instrument builds good habits in students to equip them for future progression. The additional tuition is provided through our partnership with TVMS, who supply high quality provision to enhance students' musical experiences at our school.

This allows all students to access pathways at KS4 and beyond. With the second hour of curriculum Music time, students are taught a range of other musical skills, as seen within our curriculum overview

<https://academy-sites-files.outwood.com/subject/1257/file/aab370398125ca6168180f470f9a77cf.pdf>.

This breadth of musical experiences has been designed to compliment the depth of skill and knowledge learnt through the MiSST curriculum. Students are given the opportunity to perform using: keyboard, ukulele, guitar, Samba percussion, djembes, drum kit, bass guitar, voice and technology through our suite of iMacs with recording software.

At KS4, students undertake the Eduqas GCSE Music course

<https://www.eduqas.co.uk/media/by5boopf/eduqas-gcse-music-spec-from-2016-d.pdf>. The sequencing of the KS3 equips students well to access this pathway, with skills and knowledge carefully developed across KS3. All students accessing KS4 Music are given one-to-one instrumental tuition to ensure performance skills are developed to a good standard. The technology within the department gives students access to modern composition techniques and removes barriers for students.

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.

Encouraging students to pursue Music outside of the classroom is highly encouraged at Outwood Academy Riverside. Our aim is to give all students a love of Music and music making.

To begin, all students at KS3 have an instrument. These instruments go home with students after lessons to allow for independent practice. This goes on to give them a love of Music but also allows for key skills to be developed further than just in lesson time.

Alongside the curriculum instrument tuition, all students are able to access free small group tuition on an instrument of their choice. All students are given the opportunity at the beginning of each year to stake their interest and begin learning an instrument. Lessons this year are available for: woodwind, brass, strings, voice, guitar, drums and piano. The timetable for these lessons is carefully written to allow as many students as possible the chance to learn an instrument. There are also instruments within the Music department to loan to students, in

order to allow their continued development. This tuition is provided from two sources, our partnership with TVMS and with Teesside School of Music.

The enrichment programme in the Music department has been designed to support curriculum learning and be accessible to all students. Currently, there is a choir and an orchestra available to all students, as other nights are used for KS4 interventions and staff training. The choir has had opportunities to perform both inside and out of the school, last year attending care homes at Christmas. The orchestra has gone from strength to strength, with student numbers increasing steadily each year. All enrichment opportunities are available to every student in our school, with no barriers to attendance.

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.

At Outwood Academy Riverside, students are given regular opportunities to be part of musical experiences throughout each year. Crucially, financial barriers are not in place for these experiences, with either ourselves or one of our partners covering the cost for our students.

Our partnership with MiSST is crucial to this. MiSST provides numerous opportunities for our students to both watch and be part of musical experiences. There are several orchestral performance days, where a group of students meet with other MiSST students to create an orchestra and perform together. These events normally take place at another school, however we were able to use Middlesbrough Town Hall to give students a chance to perform in a professional venue. Annually, MiSST also organises a performance at a prestigious London venue. We have performed at both Theatre Royal Drury Lane and Camden Roundhouse so far, with the next performance taking place at the Barbican Centre. Another opportunity offered through MiSST is the annual residential at Gresham's School in Norfolk. A small group of students are taken each year to learn and perform using their world class facilities.

By working with Musinc, students gain local experiences at Middlesbrough Town Hall. These have included: GCSE Set Works Concerts and Music Careers Panels. Both of these have massively helped to enhance our Music provision. By exposing students to key musical works, students gain a much greater understanding of the finer details of their curriculum and, through careers events, our students are more able to understand future opportunities for them.

In school performances have happened at various points. At key events throughout the year, students have performed for both parents and their peers. This has further highlighted the importance Music plays in our school.

Performance Calendar 2023-24

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Description</u>
September 2023	Open Evening Workshops	Various students from year 8 and 9 gave demonstrations on different instruments to prospective students.
September 2023	MiSST Instrument Ceremony	Students from all years and staff performed at Middlesbrough Town Hall to our new year 7 cohort whilst they were receiving their instruments.
October 2023	Parents' Evening	A small number of students performed music as parents were entering the building.
November 2023	Northern Play Day	25 KS3 students went to Barnsley Academy to perform in an orchestra with other MiSST schools.
December 2023	Praise Assemblies	Our small orchestra performed as students were entering the hall for their praise assemblies.
March 2024	MiSST Together Day	60 year KS3 students went to the Middlesbrough Town Hall, in the first play day that we hosted, in order to prepare students for the annual concert.
April 2024	MiSST 11th Anniversary Concert	7 year KS3 students went to London to perform at the Camden Roundhouse alongside students from all other MiSST schools.
July 2024	Gresham's Residential	6 year KS3 students went to

		Gresham's to perform as an orchestra with other MiSST schools.
Throughout the year	Lunchtime music	A number of students from different year groups performed music as students were eating.

In the future

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

At Outwood Academy Riverside, we aim to continually build on and develop our musical offer for our students every year. By continuing to ensure students have high-quality Music provision, we are able to offer students a curriculum that enables breadth and depth in skills and knowledge. Our biggest aim for the future is to increase the number of performance opportunities for our students. Through our work with Middlesbrough Town Hall, we hope to offer at least 3 additional performances a year in a professional venue. In addition, with our partnership with MiSST, we hope to continue to offer all students the opportunity to have their own instrument and receive specialist tuition. As our Music department grows, we hope to use the specialist skills brought by each member of staff to offer even more bespoke opportunities for our students, through the curriculum, enrichment opportunities and performances beyond the classroom.

Further information

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.

The website for TVMS is available here to provide further information on Music provision in Teesside <https://www.tvms.org.uk/>