

Outwood Academy City Fields 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	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	
Date this summary will be reviewed	
Name of the school music lead	Helen Le Page
Name of local music hub	Wakefield 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 City Fields, pupils study music for one hour per week in Key Stage 3.

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

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

At Outwood Academy City Fields, 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 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 workshops take place in Year 7, 8 and 9. Pupils also work in small groups to combine their keyboard, ukulele 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 a form of EDM music in Year 7, and develop further understanding of Garageband throughout several different units of work such as film music and dance units throughout Yr 7-9. Outwood Academy City Fields works with 3 VMT's (Visiting Music Teachers) who visit the Academy each week delivering instrumental tuition on a variety of different instruments. 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 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 City Fields, pupils have the opportunity to receive high-quality small-group tuition on piano, guitar, bass, 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 the BTEC Music Qualification. These lessons are provided by visiting music teachers.

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Pupils can attend any enrichment groups such as Vocal group, ukulele group, keyboard club or guitar group.

Students are also encouraged to create their own rock/pop ensembles.

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 performing at school events, concerts and shows, and trips to outside venues.

We try to organise a concert at Christmas each year which can involve all students who would like to participate. This may involve the enrichment groups, students receiving instrumental tuition at school and also privately and also may include work from other departments such as dance/drama.

All pupils and parents are invited to a summer/end of year concert when possible, showcasing high-quality music which again, takes place in and out of lessons. These events are free for all to attend.

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 events
- Community events such as Christmas in the community - These may include performing for the residents in local care homes and performing with Yr 5/6 students from the local feeder schools.

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.