

Music development plan summary: Outwood Academy Newbold

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Mrs Sara Jenkins
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr Robert Booth
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Music Education Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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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 Newbold, Key Stage 3 have 1 hour of Music timetabled each week. In class, students experience a broad range of topics that build their knowledge, understanding and confidence in a range of instruments and styles.

In Year 7, students complete units on the Musical Elements, Keyboard Skills, Blues Music, Ukuleles, Film Music and Time Travellers (1600 – 1900).

In Year 8, students engage in Band Skills, African Drumming, Rock N Roll, Reggae, Film Music and Music for the Media.

In Year 9, students demonstrate their skills in Jazz, Britpop, Musicals, British Invasion, Dance Music and Pop Music.

Students have the option to elect to take Music in Key Stage 4. Currently, students are completing the GCSE in Music. This course allows to students to develop their skills in Performance, Production and Composition.

Newbold understands how important one-to-one tuition is to the success of this course and subsidises a 20 minute lesson each week for pupils completing this course.

Currently, Newbold does not have an A-level Music class but will be looking to recruit students to complete the BTEC Level 3 award in the future.

More detailed information on the Music Curriculum can be found on the Newbold website.

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.

One-to-one tuition on drums, guitar, piano and vocals are available for students who are keen on furthering their skills in Music. We are very lucky at Newbold to have knowledgeable, passionate, engaging and kind peripatetic staff who teach these instruments every week. If you are interested in participating in one-to-one tuition, please see Mr Booth who will be able to provide more information on staff, prices and Availability.

Students will always have access to a Music enrichment after school. Currently, we are preparing for our school production which will be on stage in March of 2027. Over 50 students have auditioned for the roles in this show and the talent we are working with is exceptional.

We also have other extra curriculum activities on offer such as a choir and band. Students are encouraged to stay after school and use the instruments and equipment on offer in the Music department to continue to build on their knowledge and understanding.

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.

After the success of Matilda in 2024, Outwood Academy Newbold students will return to the stage for Shrek the Musical in 2027. Cast members for Matilda relished the opportunity to share their talents with the school and wider community and loved the feeling of being part of something special. Auditions have taken place in September 2026 and the production of Shrek will be on stage March 2027.

For the past 4 years, Outwood schools have hosted a 'Performer of the Year' competition. Open to all students with specific sections for KS3 and KS4 students, students can submit a solo or group performance in Music, Dance or Drama. Successful auditions are invited to perform at the final where the 'Outwood Performer of the Year' will be decided. The competition is normally announced in the Summer term.

Students at Outwood Academy Newbold regularly have the opportunity to perform at school events including Praising Stars evenings, Charity Week, PRIDE and more. If you are interested in performing either a solo or group performance, please speak to your Music teacher.

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In the future

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

This year Outwood Academy Newbold are presenting Shrek the Musical in March 2027 where over 50 of our students will perform to an audience on three consecutive evenings. We are also continuing to develop our curriculum and share the love of learning in Music by teaching our students a range of instruments, musical theory and performance skills.

Further information (optional)

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.

Newbold is involved with the Derbyshire Music Hub. More information on the wonderful work they do and more opportunities for students can be found on their website.

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