

Music development plan summary: Abbots Hall Primary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	August 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Ami Brodie
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex Music Hub: Essex Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Thurrock Music Services

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/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 and how much time is spent teaching music.

- We follow the Charanga Original Scheme, which has been written to follow the scope and breadth of the model music curriculum.
- We partner with Greater Essex Music Hub and Thurrock Music Services to support musical opportunities for your pupils
- Music lessons take place a minimum of four times per half-term for a minimum of 30 minutes per lesson and are delivered by teachers or teaching assistants, as part of our PPA provision.
- In Year 5, as part of our music curriculum, the children have the opportunity to participate in the Junior Music Festival.

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.

- Pupils have the opportunity to join our school choir. This is a free opportunity and sessions currently take place weekly during lunchtime
- Rocksteady tuition takes place weekly, and give pupils the opportunity to join a band. Each band includes vocals, keyboard, guitar and drums.
- Through sponsorship from local businesses, we have been able to select pupils to receive a fully-funded place for one year.
- Parents are also able to fund Rocksteady tuition for their child(ren)

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.

- Year 5 perform in the Junior Music Festival in the summer term
- All children perform at the school Christmas concert
- The Rocksteady bands perform to the whole school at the end of each term's concert
- Gable Hall school visit us every year with their 'Gable Hall Roadshow'
- Hassenbrook School invite one year group each year to watch their annual musical theatre show

In the future

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

- Increase the curriculum time devoted to music learning
- Increase the number of participants in the school choir and provide opportunities for them to perform
- Provide a variety of instruments for pupils to play during their music lessons
- Each half-term, incorporate a performance in to assembly for a year group to showcase their learning
- Using music to enhance learning in other curriculum subjects
- Identify opportunities for pupils to progress their skills and/or interest outside of school