

# Music development plan summary: *King Edward VI King's Norton School for Boys*

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	J. Naylor
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	M. Cameron
Name of local music hub	Services for Education
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music Academy Midlands

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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 KEVI King's Norton School for Boys, we strongly believe that music is for everyone, regardless of ethnicity, background, or prior musical knowledge. We are dedicated to providing all students with the opportunity to develop a range of musicianship and transferable skills through a high-quality, diverse, and inclusive musical curriculum. Our thoughtfully designed program builds on prior learning while incorporating British values, aiming to inspire creativity, cultural awareness, and a lifelong appreciation of music.

We foster students' musical talents through a balanced approach that includes performing, composing, and listening across a wide array of genres, styles, and traditions from around the world and throughout history. By following the National Curriculum for Music at KS3 and integrating elements of the New Model Music Curriculum; we encourage both teamwork and independent work, utilising musical instruments and

music software on iMacs. These schemes of work, ensure that all students become confident and well-rounded musicians by the time they leave school.

At KS3, students receive 2 hours of music per fortnight. They have access to a dedicated music room and a music tech room.

Our KS3 Curriculum is below:

	Autumn/Spring		Summer	
<b>Year 7</b>	Sonority and Traditional Notation	Introduction to Music Technology	Ukulele Skills	Video Game Music
<b>Year 8</b>	Western Classical Music	The Development of the Blues	Music and Rhythms of the World	
<b>Year 9</b>	Popular Music	Film Music	Reggae	Remix

At KS4, GCSE music is an option subject and students receive 5 lessons per fortnight. Students follow the [Eduqas GCSE Music Specification](#)

Students with SEND and/or disabilities are highly supported through a range of differentiated resources and teacher support.

## Part B: Extra-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.

We collaborate with two instrumental providers: Music Academy Midlands (M.A.M) and Services for Education (S4E).

**M.A.M** offers a free trial lesson, after which students can choose to book individual lessons lasting either 20 or 30 minutes.

**S4E** provides both individual and small-group lessons.

Whilst all lessons are chargeable (except for the M.A.M trial), we offer part-funding for students eligible for Pupil Premium support.

Students have the opportunity to prepare for graded examinations with RockSchool, Trinity, and ABRSM.

Most students possess their own instrument(s) for practice outside of school, however those under S4E provision, are provided with an instrument if required.

Both organisations run various performance opportunities which we encourage students to attend. M.A.M run a holiday club allowing students to collaborate in rock/pop bands. Additionally, S4E have a vast number of ensembles allowing students to rehearse weekly and perform in regular concerts.

We currently offer instrumental lessons in:

<b>Woodwind</b>	<b>Strings</b>	<b>Brass</b>	<b>Contemporary</b>
Flute	Violin	Trumpet	Piano
Saxophone	Viola	Cornet	Keyboard
Clarinet	Cello	Trombone	Electric Guitar
Oboe	Double Bass	French Horn	Bass Guitar
Bassoon		Baritone	Drum Kit
Recorder		Euphonium	Ukulele
		Tuba	

Outside of lesson time, students are invited to participate in the following groups which are held at lunchtimes or after school (no charge applicable):

- KNSB Band (All years, Grade 1+)
- Joint orchestra with King's Norton Girls' School (Grade 2+)
- Music Tech club (All years and abilities)
- Keyboard Club (Y7-8)
- Vocal Group (Y7-8)
- GCSE drop-in (Y10-11)
- Students are also encouraged to use the practice rooms for individual and band practice during break/lunch and after school.

We also have a joint musical in collaboration with King's Norton Girls' School which is held approximately every 2 years.

## 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.

Students are able to participate in a range of musical events throughout the school year:

- Winter Concert – featuring solo and ensemble performances from all year groups
- Young Musician of the Year (Spring term) – open to all instrumentalists and composers, in all year groups
- Summer concert - featuring solo and ensemble performances from all year groups
- King's Norton Girls' School concerts – students who perform in the joint orchestra, are all asked to play at KNGS concerts.
- S4E concerts – available to all students who participate in S4E ensembles

We have a school musical approximately every 2 years which is in collaboration with King's Norton Girls' School.

Students in year 7 and GCSE music students in year 10, also get to attend a musical concert provided by the CBSO at Birmingham Symphony Hall each academic year. A great experience ran by Services for Education.

## In the future

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

- Encourage/increase the number of PP students taking instrumental lessons.
- Provide more opportunities for students to see live musical performances.
- Continue to build on extra-curricular ensembles, particularly KNSB band and joint orchestra