

# Music development plan summary: Great Park Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Natalie Clark
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Katherine Billingsley
Name of local music hub	North and South Tyne and Darlington
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Newcastle Music Service

## Part A: Curriculum music

All students across the two key stages have one lesson per week at Great Park Academy. In KS2, they study a range of instruments and styles, which entail, listening, performing and composition skills in preparation for KS3. This includes whole class Glockenspiel, Djembe drums, Ukelele and voice work. The Year 5 and 6 curriculum is created so that prior learning is built upon lesson by lesson but also topic by topic, so students not only widen their horizon of skill sets by trying new instruments from different cultures and genres but also deepen their musical learning and abilities by developing specific skill sets.

KS3 students have one lesson per week in our performing arts space in school. They study a range of styles as they develop their listening, performing and composition skills. During lessons we give access to group music making experiences across instruments and voice. This includes whole class keyboard, guitar and sequencing software imbedded into appropriate schemes of learning. The Year 7, 8 and 9 curriculum is scaffolded so that prior learning is built upon lesson by lesson but also topic by topic, so students not only broaden their skill sets by trying new instruments but also deepen their musical learning and abilities by developing specific skills which can support them in KS4 and beyond. For more information on our curriculum it can be found on our website.

In the future we hope to run a GCSE Music course for KS4 including units such as:

performing, listening and composing with a variation of instruments and voice work included.

## Part B: Co-curricular music

At Great Park Academy we offer a range of extra musical opportunities for students for our extra-curricular and lesson programme. We use Newcastle Music Services and self-employed instrumental specialists to offer group, paired and/or individual lessons for Guitar, Keyboard and Singing. This is delivered within school and paid through an hourly fee, please see here for more information: [Music Partnership North, Newcastle \(musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk\)](http://musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk)

Our clubs run on a weekly basis including: Fusion Band which is ran free of charge on a Tuesday after school, with a potential to running a Choir and more clubs in the future.

## 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 at Great Park Academy have opportunities to take part in performances throughout the year. This includes concerts, informal performances, assemblies and/or community events.

These performances include:

- Year 8 Open Evening
- Christmas Concert (Gosforth Academy)
- Christmas Assemblies
- Year 9 Open Evening
- Spring term performance
- Summer Showcase Performance collaborating with Drama (Details TBC)

Every student who performs at the concerts have access to free tickets for their families to attend. We ask audience members to make a donation towards some events they attend.

## In the future

Students at Great Park Academy have the opportunity to see professional musicians perform live during Workshops and during Performing Arts trips to a Musical. There is hope to offer further professional visits to concerts also.

We hope to evolve with more instruments and opportunities as we move into the new school in 2025.

## Further information (optional)

Further information on musical experiences on offer in the local area can be found on the following sites:

<https://ntmeh.org.uk/>

<https://musicpartnershipnorthnewcastle.co.uk/>

<https://theglasshouseicm.org/>