



Kings
Academy
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Music Development Plan

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Music development plan summary: Kings of Wessex Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026 / 2027
Date this summary was published	May 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	May 2027
Name of the school music lead	Richard Wassall
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Rebecca Weaving
Name of local music hub	Somerset Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Music is very popular at Kings and those students who have selected the subject enjoy timetabled lessons for 5 hours every two weeks. In year 9, the music curriculum is influenced by the National Model Music Curriculum and is an opportunity for students to develop the skills necessary to succeed at GCSE level. The school also offers all year 9 students an extended project in music which is delivered on a carousel with other options subjects. The curriculum is planned with consideration for transition from KS2. Good progress is demonstrated by secure and incremental learning of the technical, constructive, and expressive aspects of music, developing musical understanding.

All lessons take place in specialist music rooms, and the school has a wide range of instruments which are used regularly including keyboards, guitars, drum kits and djembes. The department also has a technology suite and an 8-track recording studio.

Qualifications

KS4

GCSE Music

NCFE Level 1 / 2 Music Technology

KS5

A Level Music

A Level Music Technology

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.

The school is able to provide instrumental tuition on brass, percussion, woodwind, piano, guitar and voice. These are taught on a one-to-one or small group basis. Lessons are arranged and fees are agreed directly with our instrumental teachers. Students are encouraged to progress through grade exams - ABRSM, Trinity or Rock School. Pupil premium students can receive a subsidy from the school towards their lesson fees.

The school runs a brass ensemble, drum ensemble, jazz band and choir. These groups rehearse once a week. In addition to this, many students form their own bands and rehearse during social times. Students have a range of rehearsal spaces to choose from and a member of staff is available during these times to provide support.

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.

There are many musical events that take place across the academic year including visits from external musicians/organisations, musical performances including a Christmas and summer concert, trips to visit and perform at other schools within the trust.

All music students are encouraged to participate in the school concerts and all students at Kings have the opportunity to watch the school bands perform during assemblies and church services.

Community links with music are established, and regular events take place throughout the school year, for example Kings students regularly perform at St Andrew's Church.

Students have also had the opportunity to visit music businesses including professional music studios in Bristol and London.

In the future

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

In the future the music department would like to:

- Further engage with Somerset Music Service – workshops and performances.
- Organise a music tour
- Increase the number of students playing woodwind instruments.
- Start an orchestra