

Music Development Plan

BRAYFORD ACADEMY

Overview

Detail	Information
Date this summary was published	July 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	
Name of local music hub	Devon and Torbay Music Education Hub

Part A: Curriculum Music

Teaching and Learning:

At Brayford Academy all children receive one 45 minute music lesson a week. Lessons are inclusive for all children. The curriculum has been planned to ensure coverage of the eight strands of music across the year groups as set out by Curriculum Maestro, the platform used for planning across the school;

- Performance
- Pulse and rhythm
- Singing
- Composition
- Notation
- Listening
- Music appreciation
- Significant people

All KS2 children are taught to play an instrument as part of their whole class music lessons for at least one term every year, sometimes for two terms. Instruments include the recorder, ukulele, violin, guitar, taiko drums, djembe drums and samba band. Children are taught to read basic staff notation, as well as using informal methods of notation and learning to play by ear.

Children are encouraged to use technical vocabulary which has been taken from the "Model Music Curriculum" (March 2021) when discussing music such as; crotchet, minim, crescendo, accelerando, tempo and pitch.

Singing:

Singing is central to the music in our school. It may be used as a warm up to start the weekly music lesson or it may be integral to the topic. The children are taught singing in a weekly whole school singing assembly, with singing included in other assemblies throughout the week. Singing plays an important role in school events throughout the year including the harvest assembly, Christmas concerts, Easter service and school play.

Assessment for Learning:

Children demonstrate their ability in music in a variety of different ways. The teacher assesses children's work in music by making informal judgments as the children are observed during lessons. Children are also encouraged to make judgments about how they can improve their own work. At the end of a unit of work, the teacher makes a summary judgment about the work of each pupil which is recorded and fed into end of year reports.

Part B: Extra-Curricular Music

Instrument Tuition:

Visiting music teachers are welcomed into our school in order to broaden and enrich the curriculum that we have on offer to our children. We greatly value their contribution.

Brayford Academy currently has two teachers who offer children the opportunity to learn in a one to one or small group lesson paid for by parents. We offer a 50% reduction in cost to those pupils who are pupil premium. Some teachers offer the opportunity to work through graded exams (Associated Board or Trinity) if children wish to. Instrument lessons currently on offer include:

- Guitar
- Bass Guitar
- Piano
- Violin
- Cello
- Double Bass
- Rocksteady rock bands

Clubs:

All children are invited to join the school choir which is free to join and takes place every week after school. Although the choir's primary aim is to enable children to enjoy singing together, it also endeavours to take singing to the next level with opportunities for singing in different parts, learning to sing harmonies, and for solo opportunities. The choir performs in public on various occasions throughout the year.

All children are invited to join recorder clubs which is also free. In our recorder club children learn to read notation and to play in parts with regular performances throughout the year.

Children are invited to join our Rocksteady rock bands (lessons paid for by parents); Rocksteady provide a range of electric instruments and allows the children to form their own rock bands. They have their own assemblies in which they perform to the school which are held three times a year.

Next Steps:

Children are sign posted to join the North Devon Music Centre which is currently run on Wednesday evenings at Pilton Community College. The centre runs a variety of ensemble groups for beginners upwards, for orchestral instrument players and guitarists.

Part C: Musical Events & Performances

Performing and watching performances are both important aspects of being a musician. We provide the following opportunities throughout the year:

- Twice a year we hold music sharing assemblies and invite all children who learn an instrument to perform to parents, as well as the choir and recorder clubs
- All year groups take part in the school play which involves singing, dancing and drama
- Every Christmas the choir performs at the South Molton Fatstock Show
- We take part in events held by the Devon Music Education Hub such as "The Mix Music Festival"
- Every two years the school hires the Queens Theatre in Barnstaple to hold a "Proms Concert" enabling children to perform musical acts on stage in front of a large audience in a theatre
- Twice a year the school performs in the "Pudding and Songs" music concert event held in the church which is organised by the local community
- Every year the choir takes part in the "Teachers Rock" choir concert in Exeter Cathedral
- At the end of the summer term we invite a live musician to perform to the children as an end of year summer treat
- We endeavour to embrace all opportunities to showcase our children's talents or to experience professional live music performances that we are offered

Further information

The Devon & Torbay Music Education Hub believe all children and young people should be able to learn to sing, play an instrument and create music together, and have the opportunity to progress their musical interests and talent, including into a professional creative career. More information about the hub can be found here:

<https://www.musiceducationhub.org/site/about-us/>

The Department for Education has published a guide for parents and young people which explains how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school:

[Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people)