



Music development plan summary: Avanti House Primary School

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Timothy Burns
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music	Timothy Burns
Name of local music hub	Harrow
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Harrow Music Service Music Mission

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.

We prioritise a comprehensive and inclusive approach to music education across all year groups. Our music curriculum for KS1 and KS2 is delivered in partnership with Harrow Music Service, which provides weekly 30-minute lessons for each class. These sessions are taught by specialist music teachers, ensuring a high standard of teaching and engagement with pupils.

Our curriculum follows the *Music's Cool* programme, developed by Harrow Music Service. This programme is fully aligned with the national curriculum, covering all key elements of music education, including performance, composition, listening, and musical appreciation. We also ensure that the curriculum is accessible to all students, including those with special educational needs (SEND), with tailored support provided as necessary.



Additionally, through our partnership with Harrow Music Service, pupils are given opportunities to learn to sing and play instruments as part of their classroom music experience. This whole-class ensemble approach supports the development of practical music skills from an early age.

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.

Our school offers a wide range of co-curricular music opportunities, allowing pupils to further develop their musical skills outside of lesson time. We provide:

- **Optional small group instrumental lessons:** Pupils from Years 2-6 can participate in violin and drumming lessons, and guitar lessons are available for pupils from Years 3-6. For the small group lessons provided by Harrow Music, parents are charged for 30 x 30-minute lessons, with fees working out to less than £10 per lesson, with the option to pay termly. Drumming lessons are organised by and paid directly to Music Mission, with very reasonable pricing and over 80 pupils taking part.
- **Choir club:** KS2 pupils have the option to join our choir club, which is charged at a yearly rate of less than £50 for 30 x 30-minute rehearsals.
- Pupils who take up these opportunities have access to **performance opportunities** at music festivals and concerts organised by Harrow Music Service or Music Mission, allowing them to showcase their talents and progress in front of a wider audience.
- We also offer an **in-house Kirtan club**, which provides pupils with the opportunity to engage in instrumental music that aligns with our school's faith and ethos. Pupils in the Kirtan club use these skills to serve our school community by accompanying collective worships for all staff and pupils.
- We offer several **after school clubs** such as Musical Theatre, Tabla, Indian Vocal and Vocal Harmonium and Mrdanga. These clubs require payment and are organised by external suppliers.
- We ensure music remains accessible to all pupils by offering **free instrument loans** and providing **remission and subsidy schemes** for families eligible for pupil premium or facing financial challenges.

With the support of Harrow Music Service, Music Mission and external club providers, our co-curricular music programme provides rich opportunities for pupils to explore, enjoy, and excel in music beyond the classroom.



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.

Throughout the academic year, our school provides a variety of musical experiences designed to engage pupils and enrich their appreciation for music. These events include regular activities such as singing in assembly, musical performances, and class showcases.

Key Musical Experiences Include:

- **Singing Assemblies:** Led by the school music lead, these assemblies occur for themed days and weeks, fostering a joyful atmosphere and encouraging participation from all pupils.
- **Yearly Class Assemblies:** Each class has the opportunity to perform during their assembly, which includes whole class singing, allowing students to collaborate and showcase their musical abilities.
- **Music Performance Assemblies:** Held twice a year, at Christmas and at the end of the year, these assemblies showcase the music that children learn in their weekly lessons, providing a platform for them to perform in front of an audience.
- **Whole School Collective Worship:** Pupils participate in singing prayers during collective worship twice a week, reinforcing the importance of music in our school community. Additionally, classes engage in singing prayers during lessons, further embedding music into our daily routine.
- **Participation Details:** Pupils from all year groups are encouraged to participate in these performances, with opportunities for both performers and audience members, fostering a sense of community and collaboration.
- **Charging Information:** Most school concerts and assemblies are free of charge, ensuring accessibility for all families. If there are any fees associated with trips to external concerts, we offer subsidies for families eligible for pupil premium, ensuring that financial constraints do not hinder participation.
- **Partnerships:** Our musical events are enhanced by our partnership with Harrow Music Service and other local music organisations, which provide valuable resources and expertise to enrich our music programme.

Through these musical events and performances, we aim to cultivate a lifelong appreciation for music and provide meaningful experiences that resonate with our pupils.



In the future

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

As we look to enhance our music provision, our school is committed to continuous improvement in both curriculum and co-curricular music. We have outlined several key initiatives and plans for subsequent years:

1. **Termly School Performances:** We are exploring the possibility of hosting termly school performances to further engage our pupils and families with the music programme. These performances will allow students to showcase their progress and talents throughout the year.
2. **Enhanced Co-curricular Opportunities:** We aim to expand our co-curricular music offerings, including more varied ensembles and clubs, and the introduction of keyboard lessons, ensuring that all pupils have access to diverse musical experiences that cater to their interests.
3. **Developing 1:1 Support Staff Skills:** We will focus on developing the skills of our 1:1 support staff to enhance engagement for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). This training will equip them to provide tailored support in music lessons, ensuring that all pupils can participate fully.

By focusing on these areas for improvement, we aim to provide a high-quality music provision that meets the needs of our pupils and inspires a lifelong love of music. We will continuously evaluate our progress and adapt our plans to ensure that we are meeting our goals and providing the best possible music education for our pupils.