

Music development plan summary: Sir Roger Manwood's School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	David Smith
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Lee Hunter (Head Teacher)
Name of local music hub	Kent Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	None

Part A: Curriculum music

The Music Department consists of:

1 Main teaching classroom with 3 practice rooms leading directly off. This large room is equipped with keyboards, grand piano, drum kit, guitars and amplifiers. A large collection of percussion instruments including pedal timpani. The 3 rooms leading off are keyboard rooms and are also used for small group work in curriculum lessons.

The hallway has keyboards set up ready to use leading to The Room of Rock and The Cavern of Rock – both set up for bands to use. They are also used by the instrumental tutors during lesson time. There is also The Piano Room slightly away from the department where Piano & Keyboard lesson take place.

We have a Music Technology Classroom with a suite of Apple Macs running Logic 11 and Sibelius Ultimate – There is a smaller Recording Studio next to this room with windows for visual communication.

These facilities are mostly available to the students before school, break, lunchtime and after school and the only rules are that all equipment is respected and being used for its correct purpose.

All students in Years 7,8 & 9 have weekly curriculum lessons of 1 hour. Most of the activities are approached in a practical way. The KS3 topics covered are on the subject page of the website.

Here is a direct link to the page - <https://www.manwoods.co.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=97>

We offer GCSE music in Years 10 & 11 and follow the popular WJEC Eduqas path.

Part B: Co-curricular music

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

We offer 1:1 lessons in Woodwind, Brass, Keyboard, Drumkit and Guitars. At present we have no students learning orchestral Strings in school.

The school provides the space for the Instrumental tutors to teach and the financial agreement is between the tutor and the parent, not the school. There are 10 lessons of 30 minutes taught each term and these are on a rotation system to avoid missing the same curriculum times too often. 6th form students aim to have lessons in their free periods.

The school is responsible for Child Protection checks and Health and safety and the Head of Department oversees the day to day running of this provision.

Pupil Premium funding may be available for individual tuition – applications to

c.kernick@srms.kent.sch.uk

Kent Music offer termly instrumental hire which can be organised through the school.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES

All of the music ensembles are free at no cost to students. They are run by the Head of Department and some of the visiting instrument teachers. Ukulele ensembles are voluntarily directed by our Language Support Teacher.

We offer:

Orchestra (Grade 3 and above by invitation)

Elastic Band (Any Wind instruments at all levels)

Jazz Band (Grade 3 and above by invitation)

Recorder Group (All levels). **Brass Group** (All levels)

Minimalism Monday (Invitation, mainly GCSE)

Manwood Strings (Any orchestral String player)

School of Rock (6 Rock Bands receiving mentorship and tuition)

Ukulele Groups (Junior & Senior)

Guitar Club (for students who don't have individual lessons but want some help, advice and to play with others – limited to 6 students each term)

Rhythm Club (KS3 Invitation)

Chamber Choir (4 part harmony choir by invitation)

Rock Choir (Open to all KS3)

Part C: Musical experiences

During the year we have the following performance opportunities:

2 Year 7 Concerts (All year group participate)

5 Music Concerts

2 Carol Services

2 Rock Gigs

Music Assemblies showcasing soloists and ensembles

Speech Day

Founder's Day

We have a small charge for tickets and this revenue is used directly to resource the department and benefit the students directly.

A European Music Tour is planned for the Summer of 2024

In the future

I plan to bring back the popular School Musical. Over the last several years the Drama teacher has produced several staged plays. The School musical has been something that has been missed by students and parents. In past years we have performed *Oliver*, *Joseph*, *Little Shop of Horrors*.

David Smith

Director of Music

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