

# Music development plan summary: St Martin's School

## Overview

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| Name of the school music lead  | Billy Wilson   |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) |                |
| Name of local music hub  | Kent Music Hub |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            |                |

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 to create opportunities for our children to follow their interests into a lifetime of music making and enjoyment. 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.

At St Martin's School there is a designated member of staff who has responsibility for music and advocates for the subject across the school. We also link with the other music leaders from across our Trust and as a music team we are led by a senior leader.

Each pupil in our school receives one hour of music teaching each week, covering 6 hours of teaching each term. Our school music curriculum is based upon the model music curriculum (published in March 2021). It contains a variety of musical genres to give our children access to a broad variety of music, composers and artists.

Our school curriculum for music can be accessed by following the link: [download.asp \(whinlessdowntrust.co.uk\)](https://whinlessdowntrust.co.uk/download.asp). This link shows the progression of skills for children across each year group. We have detailed how we ensure our curriculum is accessible for all children including those with SEN and disabilities on the following link: [SEN Information](#)

[for Parents - St Martin's School \(stmartins.kent.sch.uk\)](http://stmartins.kent.sch.uk) Information on how we use our Pupil Premium funding to ensure that barriers to high quality music education are removed for children who experience disadvantage can be found here: [Pupil Premium - St Martin's School \(stmartins.kent.sch.uk\)](http://stmartins.kent.sch.uk)

Across the academic year, pupils will cover 4 different areas of music: singing, listening and composing, alongside musicianship for our KS1 pupils and performance skills for KS2 students.

Children will learn the following music instruments as part of music lessons:

Year 2 – Ocarina (whole class teaching)

Year 3 – Ukulele (whole class teaching)

Year 4 – Recorder (whole class teaching)

Year 5 – Clarinet, Trombone or Trumpet (Small group teaching)

In year 6, children can choose to continue learning either clarinet, trombone or trumpet.

Our school employs a peripatetic music teacher, who works within our school for one morning each week. He works closely with our clarinet and brass instrumentalists, providing detailed and skilled guidance to allow our pupils to make good progress in musicianship. Alongside this, he helps and guides our class-based teachers on how best to deliver our school music curriculum, ensuring that high quality music teaching is embedded.

## **Part B: Music Tuition, choirs and ensembles.**

Our school gives additional time during the week for year 5 and 6 children to learn either a clarinet, trombone or trumpet as part of our school band. All of the instrumental lessons, bands and choirs are free of charge and take place during the school day.

When children are in year 5, they receive an hour of music teaching covering the curriculum, and extra time with our peripatetic teacher to rehearse their chosen instrument.

Once children reach year 6, they can choose whether they would like to continue learning their instrument as part of our school band. This has been formed to give opportunities for large group tuition and performance. Year 5 children are offered a place in our band halfway through the year, to form an UKS2 band. Rehearsals take place in our 'Curriculum Zone'.

To support our UKS2 children in learning their musical instruments, they can take these home free of charge, allowing time to rehearse and share their growing skills with their families. We ask families for a refundable deposit, which is repaid on the safe return of the instrument. Our instrumentalists can receive bronze, silver and gold

awards as they continue to practise and improve their skills on their chosen musical instrument.

Our school is part of the 'Bold As Project'. This project provides our children with aspirational opportunities to listen to a range of high-quality performances from members of The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, The Royal College of Music and The White Cliffs Band. Our children also receive coaching from members of these groups. Pupils take part in an annual concert in the local area alongside students from other local schools.

All children take part in weekly singing sessions with our peripatetic music teacher as part of our weekly whole school singing assembly.

## 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.

A weekly singing assembly provides the whole school with the opportunity to sing together and this is led by our peripatetic music teacher. Children are taught how to warm up their voices and how to use them for singing, and experience how to sing simple harmonies and to sing in rounds. Singing is also used in music lessons to support curriculum learning particularly in EYFS and KS1.

Our school band and choir take part in an annual Christmas Carol Concert alongside members of our academy trust schools. The children rehearse together, and the final performance takes place in the evening at our local church. This performance is free for families to attend.

KS1 and EYFS rehearse songs together as part of their Christmas Nativity performances. The remainder of the school are part of the audience for the final dress rehearsal.

Musical performances happen regularly during our school assemblies, end of year concert, Christmas fair and summer fete allowing children to perform to an audience.

Purcell Music School London have visited our year 5 pupils, working in small workshops based on drums, strings and vocal to create short compositions, performing in a concert to parents at the end of the day.

Year 5 and Year 6 children have the opportunity to take part in an annual concert as part of the Bold As project alongside pupils from other local schools. Families are invited to watch this performance, tickets cost £5 each.

## In the future

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

We would like to give our children the opportunity to experience more live performances by young adults and professional musicians in order to inspire our children to develop their musical interests and talents when they transition into secondary education. Our vision is to give each child access to one live performance each year. We would also like to introduce a termly concert to allow children to share their growing musical expertise with their families. This concert will include performances from our band, choirs and instrumentalists.

The new Kent & Medway Music Hub will come into being in September 2024, and their focus will be on engaging further with schools, teachers and other potential partners. We see this as an opportunity to work with a local Music Hub to further develop our practice and music expertise within our school.