

# Gillotts School: Music development plan summary

## Overview

| Detail   | Information   |
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| Academic year that this summary covers   | 2024-2025   |
| Date this summary was published  | 30 October 2024   |
| Date this summary will be reviewed   | 31 August 2025  |
| Name of the school music lead  | Charlotte Alder,<br>Subject Leader for Performing Arts  |
| Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different) | Ed Newbold,<br>Deputy Headteacher                       |
| Name of local music hub  | Buckinghamshire Music Trust                             |
| Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)            | Oxfordshire County Music Service<br>Henley Music School |

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.

The school's music curriculum for Years 7-9 can be found [here](#).

This curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum and allows for development of skills across the three years. Instruments learnt in lessons include keyboard and ukuleles, as well as whole class singing celebration events.

At KS4 students who opt for music study Edexcel Music GCSE. Information on the course can be found [here](#) and information on results can be found [here](#).

## Part B: Extra-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.

Private Tuition is available in:

- Piano
- Guitar (acoustic and electric)
- Bass guitar
- Cello
- Voice
- Drums
- Flute

Other instruments are usually available on request.

These lessons are a combination of individual and small group teaching. Lessons are funded by parents but the school can usually support students eligible for Pupil Premium to source funding for lessons. Many of our peripatetic teachers support students through graded music exams.

The school offers many ensembles including:

- Choir
- Orchestra
- Musical Theatre
- Jazz Band
- Rock Band
- Guitar Club

These ensembles are open to all students and free to join. They take place at lunchtime and after school.

Practice rooms are available for students to use at break time and lunch time.

We also offer a Technical Theatre Club, which covers sound technology, allowing students to develop wider skills.

Weekend, after-school and holiday provision are available as follows:

[Oxfordshire Central Music School](#)

[Henley Music School](#)

## Part C: Musical Events and 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.

The school has a rich musical calendar. In 2024-25:

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| Year 7 singing Celebration    | Whole of Year 7.<br>180 students         | Free   |
| Year 8 Singing Celebration    | Whole of Year 8.<br>180 students         | Free   |
| Year 9 Singing Celebration    | Whole of Year 9.<br>200 students.        | Free   |
| GCSE Theatre trip to 'Wicked' | GCSE Music students<br>Approx 25         | Students pay for tickets, students eligible for Pupil Premium can be supported to access funding |
| Carol Service                 | Approx 50 students from all year groups  | Free to participate and for families to attend   |
| Year 7 trip to 'Matilda'      | Approx 100 Year 7                        | Students pay for tickets, students eligible for Pupil Premium can be supported to access funding |
| Showcase of GCSE work         | Year 11 GCSE Music students<br>Approx 20 | Free to participate and for families to attend   |
| Whole School Musical          | Approx 100 All years                     | Free to participate. Ticketed to watch.<br>Approx £7   |
| Summer Celebration            | Approx 50 Years 7-10                     | Free to participate. Ticketed to watch.<br>Approx £6   |

### In the future

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

In the future the department will continue to develop high quality resources and offer a wide range of instrumental and vocal experiences for all students.

We will look to offer opportunities to work with professionals and to experience more live music.