



**Music Policy**  
**Ernest Bevin Academy**  
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## Music development plan summary:

### Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Maria Beddoes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Martin Heathcote
Name of local music hub	Wandsworth Music

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.

This is all provided at no cost to students, and we carefully target students who may need additional encouragement to attend.

We are also able to offer a range of one-to-one and small group lessons with high quality tutors who use our space to teach. These are paid for by parents and where fundable, supported by the school. Currently we are able to offer guitar, drum kit and piano.

We have worked hard to make links with the local music education hub; they welcome our students to attend after school ensembles and holiday courses. More information about this can be found here: <https://wandsworthmusic.co.uk/>

## **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 Ernest Bevin Academy, Music is taught weekly at KS3 level. Our school follows the United Learning trust wide curriculum framework and we have adapted it locally to meet the needs of our learners. Our curriculum can be found on the school's website. We work with our subject advisers to ensure that both the curriculum intent and implementation is having impact, and we have access to seek support from this team throughout the year.

We have taken special care to ensure that playing instruments is a prominent feature of our curriculum. This is because we aim to ensure that all students have access to learning a musical instrument through the curriculum.

Performance – celebrating product as well as process – is also carefully planned into our curriculum. From low stakes moments of formative assessment, to class ensemble performances, to our termly showcases, we celebrate the talent and progress of our students and provide them with a platform to develop their confidence and share their creativity.

We don't currently offer music at KS4, however we plan to start offering courses in the near future.

## **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.

There is a rich co-curricular offer in Music and the Performing Arts at our school, and we are a welcoming department where students are encouraged to make the most of the opportunities and spaces that we have. The enrichment timetable this year will include:

On Monday lunch time, we hold the Junior Band Live sessions and a keyboard club after school. On Tuesday lunch times, we hold the keyboard club again. Wednesday lunch

times we have the full band live sessions and a soul choir after school. During Thursday lunch times, we hold the drum ensemble.

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## **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 year, ensembles and soloists perform regularly so that they can build their confidence in performing, showcase what they have been developing and continue to flourish. The Events planned for this year include: The Year 7 Singing Competition, The Winter Concert, and The Summer Showcase. All events are open to parents.

The academy will also partner with other schools within the United Learning organisation to create concerts and experiences.

## **In the future**

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

Although our school is flourishing in regards to establishing music as part of the curriculum and encouraging students to take part in extracurricular activities, there are a few areas that need to be addressed. One of the areas will be broadening the peripatetic offerings, raising the awareness for guitar lessons and introducing voice, wind and brass lessons. Piano and Drum lessons are quite popular with students, perhaps creating a junior guitar ensemble and a jazz band will help to increase intake.

We also aim to raise the provision around technology being used in the classroom via music ICT software like Logic Pro and Garageband. This will also ensure we are well equipped for KS4 courses by September 2026. We aim to start creating the guitar ensemble in January 2025. .