



# Music development plan summary: Rigby Hall School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Ryan Jee
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Severn Arts
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

Music plays a central role within the curriculum at Rigby Hall School and is fundamental to supporting communication and social interaction within our school. Pupils will perform, listen, experience and evaluate music from a range of genre’s and historical periods. Pupils will use their voices and experience a range of instruments where they will have the opportunity to compose and perform as individuals and with others. Pupils will learn how music is created and will begin to understand pitch, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture and structure.

At Rigby Hall our music curriculum is delivered by classroom teachers supported by teaching assistants. All teachers support and facilitate access to the music curriculum by differentiation, adult support and appropriate choice of musical equipment as necessary. There is a wide

range of capability across the school; tasks and activities are designed to allow students to engage at their own level and make progress.

Each class receives an hour-long music lesson weekly. Planning is informed by the Model Music Curriculum and supported using activities from the Charanga Scheme of Work and bespoke activities planned by the music lead. Throughout the curriculum, pupils have the opportunity to explore and play a range of instruments including hand held percussion, keyboards, guitars, ukuleles and drums. All classes also have access to a specialist music room where pupils can come together to create music.

KS4 and KS5 pupils also have the opportunity to follow an ASDAN vocational music course, working towards certification. These sessions last 2 hours weekly and involve listening to and appraising music, music making using instruments and music technology.

Rigby Hall also works in partnership with Severn Arts. This allows the school access to specialist instruments, instrumental teachers and workshops which can be tailor made for the pupils within school. Past visits have included the 'Travelling Music Box' and African Drumming.

## **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.

Pupils at Rigby Hall are offered the opportunity to begin to learn an instrument, such as drum kit, guitar, keyboard and singing. Pupils access weekly 20-minute music sessions with a specialist music teacher who works at the school at no cost to parents and carers. Some pupils also access these sessions under the umbrella of music therapy, wellbeing and intervention sessions. These pupils have the opportunity to express feelings and emotions through music, build confidence and also catch up on areas of progress within the music curriculum. Pupils who wish to borrow instruments can do so for free from school (dependent on availability) or from Severn Arts at a subsidised rate.

KS2 and KS3 pupils also have access to a singing and signing choir each week as a lunchtime club. Pupils have the opportunity to sing together in a social setting, often working towards performances within school.

KS3 through to KS5 pupils have the opportunity to join a school rock band, playing instruments such as guitars, keyboards, drums and vocals. These sessions are led by the music specialist within school and pupils are encouraged to bring songs and ideas to rehearse and to work towards performing at assemblies and school performances.

KS5 pupils who show an interest in music also have the opportunity to visit the specialist music room to join together and create music as part of their ASDAN vocational course.

## 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.

At Rigby Hall pupils have access to a range of trips and events within and outside of school.

Pupils have the opportunity to sing and perform in praise and celebration assemblies such as harvest and Christmas. Pupils also attend Sanders park where they perform a small selection of learnt songs to the public on the park bandstand.

Each year all the pupils from KS1 – KS5 at Rigby Hall come together to create a Christmas performance for parents and carers to attend. Previous performances have included ‘Buddy the Elf’ and ‘Shrek’. Pupils from Early Years create and perform their own Nativity Story for parents and carers.

Pupils have the opportunity to attend performances and concerts outside of school. These trips have been funded by the school music budget, pupil premium and are sometimes subsidised. Past visits have included a visit to the CBSO centre in Birmingham to experience an orchestra perform ‘Dino Disco’. Pupils have also enjoyed a trip to London to see ‘Back to the Future, The Musical’ allowing them the opportunity to experience a theatre and explore the different roles needed to create a performance.

We have also been visited by the Southampton Youth Sinfonia Orchestra who performed a range of familiar movie scores for all pupils, allowing them to engage with a live orchestra in relaxed and familiar surroundings.

## In the future

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

At Rigby Hall we are always striving to provide the best opportunities and outcomes for our pupils.

Over the coming years we plan to improve the frequency of live music performance visits in and out of school to allow more pupils to engage with music.

We also plan to further develop our relationship with Severn Arts, seeking to bring specialist workshops and activities into school delivered by their specialist staff, such as their 'turntabalism' course and 1:1 specialist tuition. With their knowledge and skills, we hope that they can support with the continuing development and delivery of our curriculum.

We are hoping to introduce more music making activities such as lunch time clubs for Samba and African drumming, adding to our offer of a weekly choir.

### **Further information (optional)**

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