

# Music development plan summary: Hexham Middle School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-24
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Name of the school music lead	Laura Tindall
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Anne Lloyd
Name of local music hub	MCN
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This document provides a summary of how our Hexham Middle 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. The full music curriculum can be found on our school website

<https://www.hexhammiddleschool.co.uk/index.php/music-curriculum/>

### Part A – the music curriculum.

#### Curriculum structure

##### Years 5-8

All students in years 5-8 have one hour of Music per week and engage in a curriculum where the key components of listening and appraising, performing and composing are taught and built upon. The curriculum is interwoven with ongoing opportunities to practice performance skills, notation, musical elements and composition devices within a given context, for example, Building Bricks, Musical Moods and The Ukulele

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## **Part B – musical involvement – instrumental / vocal lessons and ensembles**

### **Instrumental lessons**

We offer lessons in the following instruments/voice taught by visiting specialist teachers:

Piano; singing; flute; saxophone; clarinet; guitar; bass guitar; drum kit; trumpet; trombone; tuba; euphonium; violin; accordion; harp.

Approximately 100 students at HMS have instrumental or vocal lessons. These are paid for directly by the parent to the teacher. In the case of PP students, they may apply to the Student Support Fund for help in funding lessons.

### **Ambition for 2025 and how we are addressing this**

The ambition for 2025 is that we continue to offer a range of instrumental lessons, with the addition of some new teachers and instruments, such as harp and accordion.

### **PP funding**

Parents can now apply for funding through the school's Pupil Support Fund. PP+ students' lessons continue to be funded.

### **Musical Ensembles**

There was a good range of opportunities for students to be involved in extra-curricular music-making opportunities. These are/were run by peripatetic Music staff or the classroom Music teacher:

- Pop Choir
- String Group
- Orchestra
- Bands (student-led)

### **2024-2025 opportunity**

There is a broader range of extra-curricular opportunities as well as some which are cross-trust and therefore are open to both pupils from QEHS and HMS. These are run by Music staff and Peripatetic Music staff

- String Group (HMS/QEHS)
- Show Choir (HMS/QEHS)
- HMS Singers (HMS)
- BandCamp (HMS)
- Orchestra (HMS/QEHS)
- Advanced Singing Group (HMS)

-Drum Line (HMS)

-Northumbrian Pipes (HMS/QEHS)

## **PART C Musical Performances**

### **Summaries**

#### **Summary of 2023-2024**

There has traditionally been two music concerts per year, one in Winter (Hexham Abbey) and one in Summer (school) as well as some informal music at events such as celebration evenings and at the Christmas Lights Switch-On.

The music concerts involved a range of extra-curricular groups and student-led bands.

#### **Ambition for 2024-2025 and beyond**

The ambition for 2024-25 and beyond is to continue raising the profile of Music at HMS through two high-profile concerts, one in Winter and one in Spring/Summer as well as some smaller events to showcase the work of certain cohorts, for example, KS2 and KS3 and perhaps a talent show. There is also going to be a stronger link between QEHS and HMS with the cross-trust nature of some of the new ensembles and with thoughts to a joint concert or musical theatre event once per year – for example, the anticipated 'Songs from the Shows'.

The Music Department is keen to get music into the community more and there are performances at events such as:

-Hexham Christmas Lights Switch-On (Dec 2024)

-Care Homes (Dec 2024)

However, it is hoped that we can investigate opportunity to perform at other venues in the coming months and years.