

Featherstone High School Music Development Plan Summary (2024-25)

Overview

This summary outlines how Featherstone High School delivers music education across three areas: **curriculum music**, **co-curricular provision**, and **musical experiences**. It also includes plans for future improvements and highlights partnerships with local music hubs and education organisations.

Detail	Information
Academic year covered	2024-25
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SLT lead	Holly Thomas
Performing Arts lead	Claire Hayes
Music lead	Gutian Zou
Music Teacher	Harry Osborne
Local music hub	Ealing Music Service

Part A: Curriculum Music

At Featherstone High School, we provide **high-quality music lessons** informed by the *Model Music Curriculum* (2021) and follow the OCR specification for GCSE Music. We aim to develop students’ creativity, confidence, and technical skills in music.

Key Features of Curriculum Music at Featherstone High School:

- **Weekly curriculum time:**
 - **KS3:** Students receive at least 1 hour 20 minutes of timetabled music lessons per week.
 - **KS4 (GCSE):** Students follow the OCR GCSE Music curriculum, with a focus on performance, composition, and music theory/ listening appraising.
- **Singing and instruments:**
 - Year 7 includes whole-class ensemble teaching with instruments like ukuleles and keyboards.
 - Year 8 and 9 pupils explore band performance, music technology, and composition.
 - Singing is incorporated through group activities and ensemble work.
- **Support for SEND and disabled pupils:**
 - Lessons are inclusive and adapted to suit the needs of all pupils.
 - We partner with the local music hub to provide additional resources and specialist support.
- **Partnerships:**

- Collaboration with the Ealing Music Service for Encore competition, CPD for staff, and workshops.

Part B: Co-Curricular Music

Featherstone High School offers a vibrant co-curricular music programme to nurture talent and encourage participation beyond the classroom.

Music Tuition:

- **Instrumental lessons:**
 - Lessons available for guitar, piano, drums, singing and wind instruments.
 - One-to-one and small group tuition offered by specialist teachers.
 - Subsidised or free tuition for eligible pupils (e.g., Pupil Premium students).

Ensembles and Choirs:

- **Choir:** Open to all year groups; rehearsals held weekly.
- **Instrumental Bands:**
 - Pop, Rock, Jazz bands formed as part of lunchtime / afterschool clubs.
- **Rehearsal space:**
 - Dedicated music rooms available for individual and group practice during lunch and after school.

Achievements:

- Our bands and choirs have excelled in competitions, including:
 - *Encore Competition*
 - *North London Festival*
 - *CRAF Music Competition*

How to Join:

Pupils can sign up for tuition and ensembles at the start of each term. Charging and remission details are available on our website.

Part C: Musical Experiences

We provide diverse opportunities for pupils to engage in live performances and attend professional music events.

School Performances:

- **Concerts:** Pupils showcase their talents during concerts.
- **Musical productions:** Annual school musical, involving students in singing, acting, dancing and instrumental roles.

Live Performance Opportunities:

- Annual trips to concerts and workshops such as Mozartist Workshops, CRAF competition, NLF competition, Encore competition and performing arts musical trips in central London as well as annual Remembrance Sunday Choir performances, Sports celebration Day performances, Religious Interfaith performance, Open Day performances, etc.
- Visiting artists and musicians conduct workshops at school.

Assemblies and Special Events:

- Singing is integrated into assemblies, with all students encouraged to participate.
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In the Future

We aim to strengthen our music provision in the following ways:

- **New instruments:** Expand access to orchestral instruments, such as strings and brass.
 - **Technology:** Introduce music technology workshops at KS4, including digital composition and recording.
 - **Performances:** Launch a community-focused summer music festival, showcasing student and local talent.
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Further Information

For more details about music opportunities at Featherstone High School, please contact our Music Lead Gutian Zou or visit our school website.