

Music development plan summary: Oakway Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Bethany Mayes
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	NMPAT
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Rocksteady

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

Music at Oakway Academy is taught using a curriculum created by the music lead. This curriculum ensures that all aspects of the National Curriculum are covered. Music is taught weekly of 30 minutes for most year groups. However, those accessing the local music hub lessons (delivered by NMPAT) are taught for 45 minutes, weekly.

Pupils learn to play a variety of instruments, including:

- Variety of percussion instruments
- Recorders (Year 2, led by an experienced instrumental teacher in cooperation with NMPAT)
- Brass (Year 4, led by an experienced instrumental teacher in cooperation with NMPAT)
- Glockenspiel
- Drums

Singing is a fundamental part of the music curriculum which is incorporated in each year group and in every music lesson at Oakway. Through singing, children will grow in

confidence, develop important social and listening skills, be able to follow direction and increase their knowledge on music vocabulary.

Pupils with SEND are thoroughly supported so that they are able to access the music curriculum in a variety of ways. These are:

- Scaffolding of tasks
- Adapted tasks to meet the needs of each individual
- Instructions broken down into smaller steps so that they are clearly understood
- Adult support

Part B: Co-curricular music

We are fortunate at Oakway to have many opportunities for children to grow their passion of music beyond the core curriculum:

- In Year 4, children are able to participate in group lessons after they have accessed the Brass project delivered in lesson time by NMPAT. This is subsidised by the school and children have access to the studio to store their instruments and rehearse.
- Year 6 pupils access small group brass lessons where they can take instruments home to practise and perform to their peers in assembly. This is subsidised by the school and children have access to the studio to store or practise their instruments.
- Those children accessing brass lessons have an opportunity to join the after-school brass band. This takes place weekly, subsidised by the school and led by the Brass teacher at NMPAT.
- In Year 4-6, children have the opportunity to join an after-school choir, where they rehearse a variety of songs and experience many performance opportunities. This is completely free to children.
- Children from KS2 have the opportunity to work with Rocksteady and perform in a band. This will lead to a performance to their peers and parents. This is paid by parents however, pupil premium are eligible for discounted places. There is also one bursary place for a pupil premium child.

Part C: Musical experiences

As part of our cultural capital programme, pupils are able to access a wide range of musical experiences:

- Our Oakway Choir were able to perform the Hatton Christmas Concert where they sang in front of a large audience. They were also able to perform at the Oakway Christmas Fayre where they sang a variety of songs to a large audience.

- Pupils in EYFS and Year 2 rehearsed and performed in their yearly Christmas play.
- Our SEND classes attend Wellbeing workshops, delivered by NMPAT, where they are able to learn about emotions through music.
- EYFS attend a music pantomime yearly so they are exposed to live music and attending a music venue.
- All of KS2 access a workshop delivered by Rocksteady which engages all children and allows them to grow passionate about performing in a band.
- Our Oakway Choir perform in the Big Sing which is created by NMPAT. This allows the children to learn a variety of songs and perform them to a large audience at the Royal and Derngate theatre.
- Our Oakway Choir will be attending a musical so they can increase their passion of performing, be able to see live music and experience a music venue.
- In Year 1, all pupils will be attending a workshop delivered by NMPAT where it will strengthen their confidence and knowledge of playing instruments.
- In Year 6, all pupils will perform in an end of year performance where they will be able to experience acting, performing and growing in confidence.

In the future

At Oakway Academy, we are looking to improvement a variety of things relating to music:

- Timetabled curriculum of a least one hour each week for key stages 1-2
- Opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year for all year groups. This could be from local partners or music tutors.
- Improving our Studio by expanding the selection of musical instruments we have in school and replacing musical instruments.