



Highlands

School & Sixth Form

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Music development plan summary

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Section 1: Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2023-24
Date this summary was published	June 2024
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Name of the school music lead	Ms Miller
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Ms Hutchinson
Name of local music hub	Enfield Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	<p>Paul Dengel Black Barn Music sound engineer and Enfield Community Music Coordinator.</p> <p>We have recently worked with Paul on Live music events in Enfield Town.</p>

Section 2: 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.

The music curriculum.

The music department at Highlands School delivers a sequenced and ambitious music curriculum. For more information please click [here](#). Information about the number of hours devoted to music education can be found [here](#), and this link provides further information about the opportunities pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time.

Section 3: Co-curricular music

At Highlands School we offer students the opportunity to sing and play music, outside of lesson time.

Music tuition summary.

One-to-one instrumental and vocal lessons as well as paired instrumental and vocal lessons are offered on the following instruments via the Enfield Music Hub:*

- Acoustic guitar
- Electric guitar
- Bass guitar
- Voice
- Flute
- Saxophone
- Clarinet
- Trumpet
- Trombone
- French Horn
- Piano
- Electric Keyboard

- Drum Kit
- Cello
- Violin

*Instrumental paired lessons are subsidised for LAC and PP students.

Ensembles.

The following ensembles are available for students to join. These take place during the school day and during our Ed-Extra programme and are free to all students.

- 12 house rock bands (KS3)
- 7 steel pan ensembles (KS3)
- 3 guitar ensembles (KS3/4)
- Orchestra (all year groups)
- KS3 drumming ensemble
- KS3 keyboard club
- KS3 rock/pop choir

Further opportunities.

Outside of class music lesson time, students are able to make further progress by joining any of the above ensembles or 121 and paired tuition via the Enfield Music Hub.

Students are able to take practical exams on their instrument/voice via these 121 and paired lessons such as:

- ABRSM (Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music), performance grades
- TCL (Trinity College London) practical exams in Classical, Jazz, Rock and Pop
- RSL (Rock School LTD) practical exams for Guitar, Drum kit, bass, vocals etc

Pupils are able to practise their instruments after school using the department's suite of music practice rooms. Students are also given the following opportunities to perform:

- End of Term Concerts/Recital Evenings
- Music assembly week at the end of each term

- Open evening performances
- School production performances
- DARE Days for year 7 and 8

Section 4: Musical experiences

Musical experiences

Highlands School offers a range of opportunities for students to take part in musical events and opportunities. These include:

- Open evening for prospective year 7 students (October)
- Winter concert (December)
- GCSE performing arts recital evening (March)
- Summer concert and/or school musical production (July)
- Live music in assembly week at the end of each term.

Trips and visits

Students at Highlands have the opportunity to engage in a variety of music-based trips and visits. These include:

- GCSE Musical theatre trip (Wicked by S. Schwartz)
- Live music concerts
- Performing arts DARE Days (activities days for year 7 and 8)

Section 5: In the future

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

Practical music making.

- The music department plans to increase the number of students who can access practical music making. This process started in 2022-23 with four House Rock Bands and has continued in 2023-24 to now have 8 House rock bands. Teacher hours permitting, we would like to continue this offer into 2024-25 to have 10-12 rock bands.
- In addition, funding permitting, we started four House Steel Bands in year 7 in 2022-23 and continued the offer into year 8 for 2023-24. We would like to continue this into year 9.

Opportunities to perform

- Live Music Assemblies started this year (2023/24) and will continue into 2024/25). This has been very popular and students like the opportunities to perform to an audience. This programme will be continued.
- Musical productions resumed this year after a long break due to Covid 19. We would like to continue this bi-annually.

Music curriculum

- Work continues to refine the music curriculum.