

Music development plan summary: *Crofton Academy*

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	June 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mr D Edwards
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr P McTigue
Name of local music hub	Wakefield
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Our school curriculum for music is published in our MTP and LTP which are on our school website.

[Crofton Academy - Curriculum Overview](#)

All pupils in Year 7, 8 and Year 9 receive one hour music lesson per week with a music specialist. Our music department consists of 3 specialist music teachers.

Pupils in Year 10 and Year 11 who opt to take music at GCSE (Eduqas) receive three hours music per week.

Also consider including:

- Our music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021),
- All our pupils choose a musical instrument to specialise in and follow this instrumental path throughout the year. By Year 9 the majority of our pupils can play an instrument to Grade 3 standard. Our pupils also have opportunity to play in whole class and smaller ensembles throughout the year. Our pupils create and refine music using Cubase and music technology.
- Our Year 10 and 11 pupils compose a fully developed composition as part of GCSE Music.

For secondary schools: Set out what music qualifications and awards pupils can study and achieve at the school in the academic year.

Our pupils study Eduqas GCSE Music and also have the opportunity to take ABRSM and Rock School exams through our employed instrumental teachers. Currently over 150 pupils a week benefit from instrumental lessons across school.

Our pupils compose a free choice piece of music in Year 10.

Our pupils compose a piece of music to a set brief in Year 11.

Our pupils can follow a performance or technology based pathway to ensure they meet their full potential.

Part B: Co-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.

Our school offers one to one and small group tuition. Provision includes, woodwind, brass, strings, vocals, bass, guitar and drum kit.

All lessons are fully funded by school.

Currently we have 150 pupils having instrumental lessons per week.

We encourage our most able pupils to attend school rock band once a week.

All pupils can attend our Pop Choir once a week and perform in our concerts.

We have a Christmas concert each year which is regularly over subscribed with soloists, ensembles and bands.

We have a summer show which is festival themed. We have over 100 pupils performing on stage.

Pupils can attend music at lunchtime and use our rehearsal spaces to work independently and in groups / bands.

All our extra-curricular provision is free and fully inclusive.

Instrumental lessons are fully funded by school and free to all.

Our extra-curricular enrichment carefully considers and reflects the skills and knowledge our pupils learn in classroom lessons.

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.

Each academic year we stage:

Christmas concert – all pupils are encouraged to participate.

Summer music festival 'Top of the Crofts' and 'The Masked Singer'. Summer showcase featuring soloists and a variety of ensembles including our pop choir, rock band and other rock bands in school. Our show features a wide range of musical skills and instruments.

After school events are very well attended by parents and carers as well as friends of the performers.

We also partner with our drama department to stage an annual musical. In 2024 this is Grease.

In the future

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

Use this space to include any information on any improvements you plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, co-curricular music or musical experiences, including when you plan to introduce changes.

Also consider including:

- Our curriculum is relatively new so we intend to further embed and refine our curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of all learners. We will evaluate barriers, attainment made and refine our pupil instrument scores further.
- We have a new whole school assessment policy and we will be developing new assessments for Year 7 to Year 9 during the academic year.

Further information (optional)

Use this space to provide any further information about your school's music development plan, including links to your local music hub partners, other local music education organisations and contacts.

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Your local [music hub](#) should also have a local plan for music education in place from September 2024 that should include useful information.

If your school is part of a multi-academy trust with a trust-wide music development plan, you may also want to include a link to any published information on this plan.