

TCS Music Development Plan

Summary

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Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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1. Overview

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.

2. 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.

TCS provides a minimum of 2 music lessons per fortnight in years 7, 8 and 9, with this increased to 3 lessons per fortnight in at least one of these years. These are music lessons are compulsory for all of our key stage 3 (KS3) students. Music is an option subject at key stage 4 (KS4), with students able to study GCSE Music, following the Eduqas specification.

Our music curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum and National Curriculum.

All our KS3 students have the opportunity to learn to play the Keyboard, Ukulele and experience the music curriculum through a variety of other instruments, including classroom percussion, glockenspiels and xylophones, boom whackers, table-top/chair drumming and singing.

We have connections with professional folk musicians in Whitchurch, and take advice and support from Hampshire Music Hub, run by Hampshire Music Service.

3. Part B: Extra-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.

We offer instrumental lessons in the following instruments with our visiting music teachers:

- Strings: Violin, Viola, Cello
- Woodwind: Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone
- Brass: Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, French Horn, Euphonium, Tuba
- Percussion: Drum Kit, Orchestral Percussion
- Guitar: Classical Guitar, Electric Guitar, Bass Guitar
- Other: Keyboard, Piano & Vocals

For the academic year 2025-2026 the fee for individual instrumental lessons is £130 per term

We have students who choose to take ABRSM, Trinity, MTB and Rockscool exams, available across grades 1-8. Other students wish to progress with their musical instruments without taking exams.

Some instruments are available to loan. We have links with ensembles provided in the community by Hampshire Music Service and currently have students playing in both Hampshire County ensembles, and other ensembles in the Basingstoke area.

TCS runs a free weekly programme of ensemble opportunities, including:

- School of Rock
- Music Theory club
- String Group
- Choir
- Wind band
- Orchestra
- Vocal group
- Brass ensemble
- Folk Club
- Soul Band

These extra-curricular activities take place during tutor time and lunchtime. We also have students who participate in Area and County ensembles run by Hampshire Music Service, and a brass band run independently in Andover.

One of our targets for 2024/25 was to support our students in their music theory exams further. From Easter 2025 TCS became an official ABRSM music theory exam centre, which

means we can run music theory exams online using our school invigilators. 4 students have successfully taken music theory exams and more are planned for this academic year

4. Part C: Musical experiences

This is all about the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in assembly, concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

TCS has regular performing opportunities throughout the year, including:

- Solos around the school during open evening
- Performing The Last Post for the school Remembrance Service
- Background music for Christmas Fayre
- Christmas Carol Service
- School musical production
- Performing at Whitchurch Folk Festival
- School Summer Concert
- Prize Giving Evening in Winchester

5. In the future

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

TCS is planning to develop the music provision for students by:

- Increasing the number of students choosing to study GCSE Music as a key stage 4 option subject. At the start of the 2025-26 academic year, there were 16 students in the Year 10 GCSE Music class, and 13 students in the Year 11 GCSE Music class.
- Offer additional opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular visits which involve live music performances, supporting students wider appreciation of music outside of the classroom whilst also developing their cultural capital.

6. Further information

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.

Hampshire Music Education Hub supports organisations to provide outstanding musical opportunities for all children and young people throughout Hampshire:

[Home - Hampshire Music Education Hub \(hantsmusichub.org.uk\)](https://hantsmusichub.org.uk)

Hampshire Music Service ensembles are part of a network of 60 groups for children and young people throughout Hampshire – these include musical ensembles at area and county level:

[Ensembles | Education and learning | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://hants.gov.uk)