

Music development plan summary: Brixham College

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Graeme Hardman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jeanne Marcham
Name of local music hub	Devon Music Education Hub
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.

Music is taught once per fortnight in Key Stage 3 (year 7, 8 & 9) for 75 minutes.

In Key Stage 4 (year 10 & 11) there are 4 x 75 minute lessons each fortnight. At Key Stage 4, students study for OCR GCSE Music.

Students are additionally able to achieve graded music exams throughout Key Stage 3, 4 or 5.

Our curriculum plan is available here: [Curriculum Overview, Brixham College](#)

We ensure that our curriculum is accessible to all students including those with SEND.

Our curriculum is informed in part by the [Model Music Curriculum](#) (DfE, March 2021)

Students have the opportunity to learn to sing and play an instrument throughout our curriculum through whole-class ensemble teaching in Key Stage 3. There is also a focus on using music technology with our 1-to-1 student devices in both Key Stage 3 and 4. We are supported with music technology software for Key Stage 3 by the Devon Music Education Hub

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.

Students are able to undertake lessons via our Visiting Music Teachers. This is usually in a 1-to-1 setting, but can be a small group if required. We have VMTs for piano, keyboard, voice, drum kit, electric guitar, acoustic guitar, bass guitar, saxophone, clarinet, flute & violin. These lessons are charged for by our VMTs however we do receive a bursary from the Devon Music Education Hub which is used to support those in receipt of Free School Meals or other exceptional circumstances.

Students are supported with time off from school to attend an Ofqual-recognised music exam and these results are celebrated with students and parents.

Students are able to join either Pop Vocals or the Brixham College Big Band to further develop their musical experience and skill.

Our department has a suite of five, well equipped Practice Rooms which are available for students to use to practice their instrument/voice with the agreement of the Head of Department. There is a timetable of availability published at the start of the academic year.

Students are signposted to activities supported by the Devon Music Education Hub.

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.

There is a regular series of termly concerts at which students can perform to a supportive audience in order to develop their performance skills. Students from all year groups are involved in the performances.

Our MMADD Show (Music, Media, Art, Drama, Dance) is held every December for the community and college audience. This encompasses solo, group and ensemble performances; reflecting the wide range of arts subjects in addition to music. Students from all year groups are involved in the performance. The whole college get to see the MMADD Show as part of the end of term programme of events.

Ticket prices for all of these events are set to be accessible for all. Any excess money is used to support the music department in servicing and purchasing equipment required for public performances.

There is also a plan for a Trust performance event in Term 4 which will involve all of the Trust schools in Torbay.

In year 7, students take part in a Church service and will undertake congregational singing as part of this event. Additionally, Key Stage 3 students have the opportunity to watch theatrical productions which involve live musicians.

Key Stage 4 pupils have seen performances by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in public, school and virtual settings.

In the future

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

- Aim to increase curriculum time to one hour per week in Key Stage 3
- Continue to provide access to a wide variety of instruments in the curriculum and via our Visiting Music Teachers
- Continue to support instrumental and vocal ensembles
- Continue to offer practice space to students
- Continue the programme of termly concerts
- Continue the annual MMADD Show for the whole college to enjoy
- Aim to perform a piece of Musical Theatre in the long-term

Further information (optional)

[Devon Music Education Hub website](#)