

Music development plan summary: Ashby School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	January 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Lindsay Poole
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Fiona McCafferty
Name of local music hub	Leicestershire Music
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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

At Key Stage 3 in the academic year of 2025-2026, Year 7 and 8 students have a 1-hour lesson every week. In Year 9 students will have a 1-hour every 2 weeks, in which they study both a bespoke Music and Music Technology Curriculum.

During this curriculum students will:

- *Learn to play keyboards in year 7,8 and 9.*
- *Learn about world music instruments: African Drumming in Year 7 and Samba Drumming in Year 8. Popular Music instruments of: Keyboard, Guitar, Bass guitar, Drum kit and Singing/Rapping in Year 9.*
- *Explore vocal opportunities in Year 8 and Year 9.*
- *Explore Music for Media in Year 7, 8 and 9 and use Music Technology in Year 9.*

At Key Stage 4 students follow the Edexcel GCSE Music course and have 5 hours every 2 weeks.

At Key Stage 5 students follow the Edexcel A-Level Music course and have 9 hours every 2 weeks.

Part B: Co-curricular music

Students have the opportunity to have tuition on the following instruments:

Piano, Voice, Electric and Acoustic Guitar, Bass guitar, Drum Kit, Violin, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn and Tuba.

On a weekly basis students' can have the opportunity to be involved in the following ensembles:

Orchestra, Jazz Band, Choir.

There is also an annual school Musical and daily opportunities for KS5 to use the practise room facilities to work in ensembles of their own choice or practise individually.

Students are able to loan some instruments from school, from Leicestershire Music Hub.

Students who have Pupil Premium Eligibility and are LAC are able to have funded tuition (PP 50% and LAC 100%).

Part C: Musical experiences

The following events are scheduled for students of all year groups to participate in or attend as part of the audience.

Arts Spotlight Events – at lunchtime in the Theatre:

1. 27th February
2. 20th March
3. 24th April
4. 22nd May

Arts Autumn Showcase – 28th October

Christmas Concert – 15th December

Senior Citizen Concert – 16th December

Musical Production week – 26th January

Spring Concert – 23rd March

Arts Summer Showcase – 30th June

Other activities students will be involved in:

Performances at Awards Evening

Performances in Assemblies and on Transition Days

Performances at Open Evenings

In the future

- Explore further engagement in events and performance opportunities provided by Leicestershire Music Hub throughout the year.
- Extend our extra-curricular offer to include trips to events and experiences.
- Aim to increase lesson time to 1 hour a week for year 9; meeting guidance.
- XMAT Liaison Concerts.