

## Music Development Plan Summary

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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.

### Curriculum Music

At St Scholastica's, our curriculum music lessons, provided by Junior Jam, are designed to provide pupils with a broad range of musical experiences within lesson time. Music is taught across the school. All children in Reception to Y6 receive 45 minutes of classroom music tuition per week. Children are taught by a music specialist.

Every year, pupils will study three core subjects: Music Theory with Keyboards, Songwriting with Glockenspiels and Singing, which are delivered across three half terms throughout the year. The remaining three half terms within an academic year will be instrument-focused whole-class tuition in order to ensure pupils have the opportunity to perform on a variety of tuned and untuned instrumentation from a wide range of different cultures.

Junior Jam's lesson plans have been devised in line with both the National Curriculum and Model Music Guidance Non-Statutory Guidance (2021). Through these lessons, pupils will access a broad range of music-making experiences and will gain the skills to develop a lifelong passion for music.

Children in years 4, 5 and 6 also have the opportunity to study African (Djembe) Drumming provided by the Hackney Music Service in the Autumn Term. This is a 45-minute lesson, taught by two Djembe Drumming specialists.

## Co-Curricular Music

Singing at St Scholastica's Catholic Primary School is central to our Catholic faith. We use singing to encourage participation in school assemblies, Mass celebrations, Collective Worship and in Religious Education, where we use singing to support prayer and reflection.

All children take part in regular singing assemblies; these are fortnightly for KS1 and KS2.

Junior Jam also provide our after-school music club.

## Musical Experiences

Reception, Years 1 and 2 put on a Nativity performance for the school community including families.

There are class assemblies planned across the year for children in Years 1-6; some of these are for families, and in others the children have a chance to share their music learning with each other informally. We also hold an African Drumming Concert at the end of the Autumn Term, children in Years 4-6 perform what they have been learning for staff, pupils and parents. In the Spring Term, all pupils are invited to audition for St Scholastica's Got Talent. This is our annual event which marks the celebration of our patron, St Scholastica.

In the Summer Term, Reception and Year 5 represent our school at the Hackney Schools Music Festival, where they form part of an ensemble performance made up of schools from around the borough.

It is customary for Year 6 to perform an End of Year Musical, these have included The Lion King and Matilda in recent years.

## In the Future

Junior Jam provides a progressive curriculum, meaning that pupils will further their skills on the instruments they play in future years. Their curriculum is monitored and developed yearly, in accordance with all guidance published. In the future we hope to:

- ✓ create more opportunities for music across the curriculum.
- ✓ for curriculum music learning (singing/composition/ensemble performances) to be a regular feature of sharing assemblies across the school.
- ✓ create opportunities for pupils to sing and play music outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands.
- ✓ look into offering weekly instrumental tuition for pupils in Years 3-6 on piano, violin and guitar, with individual and group options.
- ✓ establish links with external music organisations – to support recruitment of children for instrumental and after school activities, alongside inspiring future musicians and opportunity to see a live concert. What are the opportunities?

## Further Information

Hackney Music Service Network offer a variety of programmes to schools and young people including:

- *Introductory and progressive instrumental and singing lessons in schools* and a developing programme to parents and families out of school.
- *Instrumental ensembles and choirs* are offered in venues across the borough after school hours, as well as support for schools wishing to develop their in-school ensemble offer.
- *Music curriculum support, advice and INSET* are offered to schools, as well as forums, conferences and development sessions for instrumental tutors and network partners.

*More details can be found on their website: <https://www.hackneymusic.co.uk/activities/>*