

# Music Development Plan: The Vineyard School

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Marc Oliver
Name of school leadership team member supporting the music lead	Daisy Dempster
Name of other music education organisations	Richmond Music Trust Totally RAD Rocksteady Grey Court School

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.

[The Vineyard music curriculum](#) is designed to increase self-confidence, creativity and a sense of achievement. High-quality teaching and resources inspire children to develop a love of music and their talent as musicians. Children develop a critical engagement with music enabling them to compose and to listen with discrimination to the best music the world of music has to offer. Our bespoke music curriculum was informed by the [Model Music Curriculum](#) (March 2021).

As an inclusive school, we support music making opportunities for our students with SEND, who join their weekly whole class music lessons, weekly KS1 music assembly sessions and KS2 singing assemblies. Pupils with SEND are actively encouraged to join in with singing and instrumental playing. Extracurricular activities such as choir, orchestra and MTECH are open to all pupils to ensure that children are making music together in an inclusive and welcoming environment. Pupil premium students are eligible for funding for a number of additional music clubs such as Rocksteady.

Music is an integral part of life at The Vineyard. Pupils have a range of opportunities to participate in the practice and study of music including dedicated whole-class music lessons each week delivered by music specialists, singing assemblies for both key

stages, the celebration of children's musical accomplishments by inviting them to perform during whole school events (e.g. assemblies, fundraisers), participation in the Year 6 production and regular exposure to inspirational music content via our video walls. Children in Year 3 have weekly sessions with the Richmond Music Trust, where they have the opportunity to learn a string instrument.

Every student receiving a weekly music lesson delivered by our specialist teachers will actively take part in at least one performance per year including Christmas Carol Concert, West African Inspired Djembe drumming or through the English National Opera's project 'Finish This'.

## **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.

For pupils with a heightened interest or aptitude for music, there are flourishing choirs that rehearse each week, access to individual or small group music tuition to enable pupils to develop proficiency in an instrument of their choice and a diverse range of clubs and activities that are open to all pupils (e.g. Singing Festival, Christmas Concerts, Orchestra and wider opportunities).

Most individual and small group music lessons at The Vineyard are provided by the [Richmond Music Trust](#). At the present time, we have children learning flute, recorder, trumpet, violin, guitar, percussion and singing outside of lesson time.

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## **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.

Here is a list of the musical experiences we offer at The Vineyard:

- Weekly singing/music assemblies
- KS1 Christmas performance
- KS2 carol concerts
- EYFS nativity plays
- KS1 and KS2 choir
- KS2 Singing Festival
- Trips and workshops
- Y1-6 class assemblies

- KS2 orchestra
- Whole school events, such as Vineyard's Got Talent
- Instrumental accompaniment by pupils in assemblies, family tours etc
- Performances at school fairs/events

All musical opportunities are shared in the whole school newsletter, in assemblies, on Instagram and on the website.

## **In the future**

The evaluation process for the success of this Music Development Plan will involve regular assessments. Progress will be tracked through a series of scheduled reviews following each performance, where feedback from students, teachers, and audience members will be collated. These reviews will help identify immediate areas for improvement and celebrate successes.

## **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.