

Oldfields Hall Middle School – Music Development Plan

Overview

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Name of the school music lead	Mrs S McBride
Name of local music hub	The Music Partnership – Entrust Music Service, Staffordshire

This is a summary of how Oldfields Hall Middle 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.

Oldfields Hall Middle School is very proud of the Platinum Award recently achieved for Excellence in Music Provision, awarded by The Music Partnership.

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.

Oldfields Hall Middle School holds the teaching of Music and Performing Arts in very high esteem and strives to provide high-quality teaching and music opportunities to all children regardless of need.

The music curriculum is fully delivered by Mrs S McBride, an experienced and qualified music specialist. All pupils have a one hour timetabled curriculum lesson each week. In addition, many children opt to have an additional instrumental lesson of their choice

provided by Entrust – Music and Performing Arts. Our curriculum has been carefully considered and created to provide Oldfields pupils with opportunities to explore a range of musical genre through four elements; listening, instrumental, improvisation and composing. Careful consideration has been given to skill progression throughout each strand and to allow more able/experienced musicians to develop further.

Lessons consist of a range of learning opportunities:

- Whole class performing opportunities allow pupils to learn and explore a range of different instruments. This begins with the voice, recorder and glockenspiel in Year 5, continuing onto keyboard, percussion instruments and ukuleles throughout Years 6, 7 and 8. A solid foundation technique is taught and expected from all pupils. Children begin to read music progressively. Note values are reinforced constantly throughout units.
- Listening – exploring a range of musical styles and genres from around the world and from different periods of music. This includes visually watching performances on the internet, in school and at concert venues/theatres
- Improvisation provides children with the freedom to sing or play instruments to explore their own creative talents. Expectations in difficulty and musicianship increase through each year
- Composing facilitates the opportunity for children to work individually and as both a small and large group to make music together. In KS2, this is short and carefully scaffolded, leading to longer and more freestyle experimentation in KS3.

We work closely with our local first schools and Thomas Alleyne's High school to ensure that curriculum transition is smooth and continuous, building carefully on skills learnt year on year.

Alongside our music curriculum, we also offer expansive opportunities for extracurricular musical experiences. All pupils are encouraged to take part in one or more of the many groups on offer to further increase progression and enjoyment in the subject.

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.

Outside of core music curriculum, we offer a range of musical opportunities.

In school, we offer weekly:

- Music and Drama Club

- iMac Club
- Music Practice Club
- Ukulele and Guitar Club
- School Choir
- School Orchestra
- Guitar lessons
- Upper and lower strings instrumental lessons (violin and cello)
- Brass instrumental lessons (trumpet and trombone)
- Woodwind instrumental lessons (flute, clarinet and alto saxophone)
- Drum lessons
- Piano/keyboard lessons
- Vocal lessons

School Orchestra and School Choir are run by Mrs S McBride. Other lunchtime clubs are organised and run by the Year 8 Music Mentors, with careful guidance and training. This has been a very successful way of giving Year 8 children responsibility and ownership of rehearsing. The younger children respond well to their slightly older peers.

Individual instrumental lessons are taught throughout the school day based on peripatetic music teachers' timetables. Lessons are taught individually or grouped into small groups based on ability in a designated music room. Children work through the graded syllabus of national accredited music examinations. These lessons are delivered by Entrust Music Service in collaboration with The Music Partnership.

Instrumental/vocal tuition is paid for by parents. Pupil Premium children have access to free instrumental/vocal tuition. There is no cost to children and families for instrumental hire.

Annual performance opportunities are:

- Year 5 Spooktacular Concert (November)
- School Christmas Concert (December)
- Ingestre Music and Performing Arts Weekend (February)
- Summer Show/Musical (June)
- House Music Competition (July)

There are additional performance opportunities throughout the year such as assemblies, school open evenings, presentation evening etc. in which different groups of pupils are encouraged to take part.

Our feeder first schools are invited to perform in our annual summer show. Our two main feeder schools have taken part every year possible for over ten years. This has been a valuable aid to transition.

Musical uptake is high at Oldfields. Around 20% of pupils have instrumental lessons in school. Around 20 – 25% of pupils take part in the Christmas Concert and/or Summer Show. Every pupil performs as part of the House Music Competition,

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.

To further enhance our children's exposure to music from around the world and various musical genres and styles, Oldfields offers a range of music opportunities.

KS2 Children are treated to an annual visit from Entrust musicians as part of their 'Live Music' performances. There is also a KS2 trip to the New Vic Theatre at Christmas which incorporates actors, singers and musicians.

In the future

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

Our vision for music development at Oldfields:

- Update iMacs/music tech provision
- Provide more performance/singing opportunities in assemblies
- Seek to further increase and support the instrumental provision in school
- Provide more trips/live listening opportunities for KS3 pupils

Further information (optional)

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.