

# Music development plan summary: Alec Hunter Academy

Here at Alec Hunter Academy the KS3 curriculum has been specially designed to meet the needs and interests of our pupils. We also introduce many musical concepts that appear at KS4, making the transition that little bit easier. The curriculum is broad and balanced including many listening ideas from the national curriculum.

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/ 2026
Date this summary was published	14/11/2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	Sept 2026
Name of the school music lead	Anna Green
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Hamish Birley
Name of local music hub	Essex Music Services
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

## Part A: Curriculum music

Our curriculum is built for every pupil to access, and everyone takes part in music.

Our KS3 Curriculum is built on six strands of learning with each year demonstrating progression across each of these areas.

These strands are-

Historical Contexts, Musical Elements, Music Technology, Instrument (not keyboard) Skills, Keyboard Skills and Music from around the World.

At Alec Hunter Academy we believe that Music is best learnt through practical performance and practice. For example, the Year 7's learn to play the Ocarinas and learn

how to read and write using classical notation. Embedded in the scheme are composing, ensemble and performance opportunities.

In year 8 Pupils learn cross curricular historical facts whilst learning to play an instrument or using Charanga which is supplied by our local music hub.

In year 9 pupils travel the world from the comfort of the classroom looking at Bhangra, and Samba. They also take part in band work and have opportunities to use music technology which are embedded into these schemes.

Pupils can opt to take the Eduqas GCSE music or the NCFE 1/2 in Music Technology in year 10 and 11.

## **Part B: Co-curricular music**

Pupils are offered a range of one-to-one instrumental lessons, they can choose from Drums, Brass, Vocal, Piano, or Guitar lessons. During these lessons they can opt to take graded exams.

Outside of the classroom, pupils are invited to take individual instrumental lessons, join the Choir, Orchestra, Ukulele group and/or take part in the Musical and annual Winter concert.

Pupils can take part in an instrument loaning scheme offered by Alec Hunter Academy and are often offered time to at lunch time to play these loan instruments.

## **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.

As well as the above the Music department is a lively place to be, we often run trips or workshops that are often supported by Essex Music Services or Saffron Hall. We have run workshops such as 'Play it Live', 'Rap it' and 'Sing it'. We have also offered opportunities to take part in a workshop and then watch a

performance such as the English Touring Opera and The National Youth Orchestra.

Recently we have worked with Saffron Hall to deliver a project with Orchestral instruments, this has allowed pupils to hire instruments and joining the schools Orchestra with a performance opportunity coming up in March 2026.

## **In the future**

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

To continue the growth of Music at Alec Hunter Academy, with growing numbers in GCSE and the V-Cert for Music technology.

I'd like to increase the uptake of PP pupils having peri lessons and taking part in performance opportunities.

I would like to introduce a Summer Concert and a brass band.