

Music development plan summary: Lawn Manor Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	David Jones
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	David Jones
Name of local music hub	Swindon Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

This is a summary of how Lawn Manor Academy 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

The Music Curriculum at Lawn Manor Academy- we offer a music curriculum that allows students to develop skills and knowledge through performing and understanding the mechanics of music. Skills will be developed and refined throughout KS3 music enabling students to be able to access music at KS4.

- Year 7 and 8 : 3 hours a fortnight timetabled music lessons
- Year 9: 2 hours a fortnight timetabled music lessons

Our curriculum includes the following, which are mentioned specifically by the non-statutory guidance:

- Singing
- Listening and appraising
- Composing
- Performing/Instrumental Performance
- Keyboard Skills, Ukulele, Guitar and Drumming
- Class instrumental ensembles

- Staff and tab notation
- Improvisation
- Music technology
- Music cultures and different musical styles

Musical Opportunities in class at Lawn Manor Academy include:

- Year 7 – learning to play and access piano, guitar and ukulele. Enough instruments for each student to learn on their own instrument.
- Year 8 and 9- to build on prior work by providing opportunities to develop musical skills using instruments taught in year 7 as well as introducing drumming (African and Samba drumming) and ensemble skills. Musical ICT skills developed using Garage band in year 8 and 9.
- Throughout KS3 students are also taught about music theory and listen to a wide range of familiar and unfamiliar musical listening.

Opportunities for performance and instrumental/vocal work are built into lessons either as a solo, a pair or a group . Pupils are directed in a range of ways:

- Using sheet music
- Using music technology
- Whole class work
- Independent learning
- Rehearsing independently in small groups using practice rooms.

Musical Partnerships:

Swindon Music Hub

Swindon Music Co-

Operative

Links to outside

organisations

Further qualifications include:

GCSE Music

Part B: Co-curricular music

Music Tuition: These lessons are funded by the school. Woodwind lessons offered at KS3
Instrumental lessons offered to all GCSE students.

- One-to-one lessons of 20 minutes taught on a range of instruments.
- Voice
- Guitar, Bass Guitar
- Piano
- Small group lessons on Woodwind:
 - Saxophone
 - Clarinet
 - Flute

- Clubs are run by teachers. There is no cost to parents/carers.

These include:

- Choir
- Ensemble club
- Rehearsal time after school

We have several rehearsal spaces:

- 5 Practice rooms
- 1 Music Technology room fitted with 20 Mini Macs and using Garage band music program.
- 2 Classrooms which are used for teaching.

Part C: Musical experiences

In school performance opportunities:

We offer a range of musical opportunities incorporating our other subjects in the faculty.

- Autumn Concert (Term 1)
- Christmas Concert (Term 2)
- Church service (Term 2)
- Choir visit to community (Term 2)
- Easter Concert (Term 4)
- Summer concert/School musical production (Term 6)

- External Events:

Opportunities to perform music outside of school setting:

Cavern Club

Abbey Road Studios

Euro Disney

Secondary singing day

New college theatre

Swindon Arts centre

In the future

This is what the Lawn Manor Music Department is planning for subsequent years:

- Music Technology: Potential to run a music tech club developing skills using garage band.
- Sound and lights: Look to run a club focusing on developing students to run the sound and lights for concerts and events.
- Instrumental Lessons: Look into the potential to offer brass and string lessons.
- Additional clubs: would like to build up a Jazz band/woodwind band using instrumentalists from woodwind lessons,
- We are always looking into additional opportunities for students to experience music outside of school in KS3.