

Music Development Plan Summary:

Nonsuch High School for Girls

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	10 th October 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	October 2025
Name of the school music lead	Mrs Shana Patterson, Ms Jennifer Yard (acting)
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Ms Kimberly Pinel (acting)
Name of local music hub	Sutton Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

- All KS3 classes have one 60-minute lesson per week
- GCSE (KS4) have four lessons a fortnight
- A Level (KS5) have eight lessons a fortnight
- The music curriculum for KS3 has utilised some of the recommended pieces from the model music curriculum in the schemes of work. These are used as listening tasks and assessments and enriches their learning by exposing them to a wide range of musical styles and genres.
- Midi keyboards are used frequently in Key Stage 3 to learn about different musical periods. Focus is placed upon mastering keyboard skills as well as playing with others. There are opportunities for class singing with every topic at KS3.
- There are two main teaching rooms with PCs and Sibelius 7 installed for composition at KS4 and KS5.
- There is a separate A level music room with PCs and Sibelius 7 installed for composition work.

Qualifications

- At GCSE and A Level Music we follow the Edexcel specification.
- Peripatetic staff enter their students for ABRSM, Trinity and Rockschool examinations.

Part B: Extracurricular music and Music tuition

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.

- There are 12 peripatetic staff who are mostly self-employed with 4 teachers from Sutton Music Trust.
- Individual lessons are available for the following instruments;
Piano, violin, cello, guitar, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, drums and voice.
- Pupil Premium students receive individual instrumental lessons with a 50% discount.
- Students can hire instruments from Sutton Music Trust
- We have the Evolve system where students can express interest in a music club. Once they attend, their name is added to the register. These take place mostly in the main music classrooms at lunchtime with Symphony Orchestra on a Wednesday after school. They are offered to all school years with a couple of clubs exclusively for the senior years.
- All clubs are free of charge for all participants
- There are several practice rooms available for individual/group practice.

Extra-Curricular Clubs 2024-2025

Junior Orchestra

Symphony Orchestra

Whole School Voices

Senior Voices

Vox Celestes (Chamber Choir)

Senior Strings

Indian Ensemble

Flute Choir

Nonsuch Party Band

The number of clubs are reviewed each term, and students are encouraged to start their own ensembles.

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.

We have regular performances by instrumentalists in assemblies as well as any special events such as prizegiving and awards assemblies.

There are two whole school concerts per year, one at Christmas and one in the Spring or Summer term. These concerts are opportunity for all the ensembles to perform as well as soloists and smaller ensembles.

We hold termly afternoon recitals for whole school soloists to share their recent pieces.

The yearly Musician of the Year competition is an excellent opportunity for the more accomplished musicians in all years to work towards a high standard performance.

Our chamber choir, Vox Celestes performs regularly for festivals and concerts in the community.

Students are invited to attend an external live music performance at GCSE and A Level. Concert costs are charged to parents with pupil premium students receiving 50% discount.

There is also a bi-annual musical, which is accompanied by an all-student band.

In the future

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

2024-2025

- Introduction of more Popular Music ensembles (Ongoing)
- Re-introduction of termly afternoon school recitals – 2024-2025 (Spring Term onwards)

2025-2027

- Sutton Music Trust – work with them on the Endangered Instrument Scholars Scheme
- Opportunity for KS3 instrumentalist to attend an external live performance
- Incorporate more music technology in the KS3 curriculum