

Music development plan summary: Junction Farm

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Adele McNally
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Matthew Haworth
Name of local music hub	tvms
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Vision Academy Learning Trust

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.

- Our curriculum for music is published on our Website. You can find it here
- All students have an hour-long curriculum lesson of music every week.
- All aspects of the national curriculum for music are covered by our curriculum.
- Years 4-6 are taught music in the classroom by visiting specialist teachers from Vision Academy Trust. Years 1-3 are taught by the Junction Farm staff.
- In lessons children are taught all aspects of the national curriculum for music, with a strong emphasis on singing, understanding musical vocabulary, engaging with notation, and the opportunity to both perform music and compose music.
- Our curriculum is informed by the DfE model music curriculum.
- Children will sing very regularly in music lessons and assemblies. We place a great emphasis on using the voice. The voice is an instrument.
- Children also have the opportunity to perform and compose on a range of other instruments, although our development plan outlines that we intend to increase the range of instruments available to students for this purpose.

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.

- There is an impressive percentage of students who access instrument and singing lessons beyond the classroom. Half hour lessons are provided by visiting specialist teachers on the following:
 - Voice
 - Violin
 - Cello
 - Guitar
 - Drums
 - Brass
 - Flute
- Furthermore, Junction Farm has a thriving choir lead by two gifted members of the Junction Farm staff. The choir perform in a range of performance contexts both in and outside of school.
- Junction Farm has a longstanding tradition of performing a musical/show at the end of Summer Term.

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.

In the academic year 24-25 we are prioritising the following musical experiences:

- A rolling programme of visiting musicians from Egglecliffe for Friday whole school assemblies.
- Further promotion of the choir with performances in, but particularly outside of school. For example, the opportunity to perform at York Minster with a professional orchestra is a realistic option for the choir.
- Performance events for students who learn musical instruments both within the school day, and to parents/carers.

In the future

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

- We will offer impressive performance opportunities to choir beyond performances in school.
- We will aim for an instrument ensemble rehearsing every week.
- We would like to reintroduce singing assemblies
- We would like to introduce less formal showcase performances to share with parents/carers in particular.
- We would like to introduce instrumental/vocal performances from older students (Eggescliffe 6th form) in assemblies on a rota.