

# Music development plan summary: Mulberry Academy Woodside

## Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Jake Charie & Melisa Alpdogan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Laura Sanford
Name of local music hub	Haringey Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Collage Arts

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.

Our music curriculum at MAW is built around a skills-based approach, ensuring pupils develop strong practical abilities in performance and musicianship. Alongside technical proficiency, the curriculum fosters a deep appreciation and enjoyment of music through active listening and analysis of diverse musical styles.

A key priority is cultural breadth and inclusivity. Pupils will explore music from different cultures, traditions, and historical periods, gaining exposure to a wide range of instruments and genres. This approach helps pupils understand music as a universal language that connects people and communities across the globe.

Each lesson is designed to challenge pupils both practically and theoretically, promoting creativity, confidence, and critical thinking. By the end of the curriculum,

pupils will have the skills and independence to perform, compose, and evaluate music with increasing sophistication and enthusiasm.

### [KS3 Music Curriculum](#)

## Part B: Co-curricular music

At Mulberry Academy Woodside, we offer diverse opportunities for students to learn music, build confidence, and collaborate as a team beyond the classroom. We are fortunate to work with Haringey Music Services, which provides us with dedicated peripatetic music teachers.

Students can take lessons in piano, guitar (electric, classical, and bass), drum kit, violin, vocals, and steel pans, with additional instruments available based on demand.

Lessons are structured as 10 sessions per term, with the following pricing:

- 20-minute lessons: £134.40 per term
- 30-minute lessons: £201.60 per term
- For students on FSM, a subsidy of £100.80 is applied to the full price.
- Students studying Music at GCSE/BTEC level receive lessons for their first instrument free of charge, funded by the school as part of their course.

Our peripatetic teachers create a supportive and flexible learning environment, catering to students' strengths and interests. Those who prefer a traditional approach can work towards graded music exams (ABRSM, Trinity, Rock school) in both theory and practical studies. Additionally, students who actively contribute to the music department—through performances, assisting in events, or supporting younger students—can become Music Ambassadors, earning a special badge and the opportunity to represent the school both internally and on external visits.

We offer a range of free, inclusive activities for students to develop their musical abilities and collaborate with like-minded peers. These include:

- Steel Pan group
- Drumming group
- Ensemble group
- School choir
- Band
- Year 9 music production elective

Students can rent instruments for practice at home or use our practice rooms, studio, or school stage to build confidence in performing and stage presence.

## Part C: Musical experiences

We are committed to showcasing our students' talents and preparing them for real-world musical experiences. Performance opportunities include:

- Assemblies, end-of-term concerts, and key events such as Culture Day and many more
- Internal Annual Talent Show – short lists participate in LIT's Got Talent to represent themselves and MAW in the borough.
- Collaborations with the drama department for school productions
- Tours with the band/ choir to local primary schools
- Steel pan workshops
- Performing at the Royal Albert Hall alongside other young musicians in Haringey
- Mulberry Festival of Arts & collaborating with larger vocal and orchestra ensembles for major events – trust wide.

Mulberry Academy Woodside's collaboration with Haringey Music Services and the other Mulberry schools trust creates a professional environment and offers experiences comparable to high-level, large-scale arts performances.

We believe that performing builds resilience, confidence, teamwork and communication. We foster a culture where students support and uplift one another. The lifelong transferrable skills learnt because of these musical experiences extend far beyond the classroom. Every student has something to contribute at Mulberry Academy Woodside.

We are proud to collaborate with College Arts, giving students hands-on music production experience from Year 7 onwards.

To enrich students' understanding of music and the arts, we organise theatre trips, workshops and cultural experiences to broaden their knowledge and inspire their future aspirations.

## In the future

We aim to increase performance opportunities within the borough, allowing our students to gain hands-on experience working alongside professional musicians. By doing so, they will be exposed to a wider range of musical genres, expanding their knowledge and appreciation of different styles.

Additionally, we plan to offer more music activities & opportunities during co-curricular time to help students build confidence not just in music, but in everyday life. We also look forward to introducing new instruments into our curriculum such as Ukuleles &

Djembes, further enriching our students' musical education and broadening their skill set.

Eventually, we aim to establish our own school band and orchestra, bringing together a unified ensemble of talented musicians. We are actively working towards this goal by expanding our instrumental offerings and encouraging student participation in group performances.

### **Further information (optional)**