

Music Development Plan Summary 2026-27

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Music Curriculum

At Ravenscliffe High School, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to enjoy, explore and succeed in music. Our music curriculum is designed to be inclusive and accessible for all pupils, providing opportunities to listen to, perform and create music in ways that match their individual needs and abilities. Through music, pupils develop confidence, communication skills, creativity and self-expression while experiencing the enjoyment of making music together.

Music lessons are adapted through different learning pathways to ensure that all pupils can take part and make progress. Pupils explore a wide range of musical styles and cultures, including samba, Indian music, sea shanties, film music and popular music. Lessons are practical, engaging and often involve singing, playing instruments, movement and group music-making, helping pupils develop teamwork, listening skills and independence. Most pupils receive a timetabled music lesson of approximately one hour per week, with provision adapted according to individual need and pathway.

Extra – Curricular Music and Musical Experiences

Music is an important part of school life at Ravenscliffe and extends beyond the classroom through performances, concerts, celebrations and community events. During assemblies on Friday afternoons there are regular performances which involve students from a range of pathways. We also look for opportunities to invite local musicians to come in and perform for our students, or visit local music venues and experience external performances.

These opportunities allow pupils to share their achievements, build self-esteem and experience the excitement of music and performing for others. Our aim is for every pupil to develop a positive relationship with music, gain new skills and create memorable experiences that support their personal development and wellbeing.

Future Developments

Future developments in Music at Ravenscliffe High School include expanding opportunities for collaboration and performance. We plan to further develop partnerships between the school's signing choir and music groups, creating inclusive performances that celebrate both musical and communication skills. We are also exploring opportunities to work alongside other special schools in the area through joint concerts and shared musical projects. By building these partnerships and seeking new performance opportunities within the local community and beyond, we aim to provide pupils with a wider audience, enriching experiences and further opportunities to develop confidence, independence and a love of music.