

Music development plan summary: Elton High School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 to 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Kristen Stopford
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Vicky Helm
Name of local music hub	Bury Music Service

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.

Curriculum INTENT: Enjoyment of this subject is at the heart of every music lesson.

We aim to engage and inspire children to develop a love of music from all cultures and traditions. We believe that music should be accessible to all and through composing and performing we will help students to increase their self-confidence, communication skills, concentration, independent learning and creativity.

- Curriculum Map link for both KS3 and KS4: <https://eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk/music-1/> and This curriculum is informed by the model music curriculum
- KS3 students receive 1 hour a week of music curriculum time and KS4 3 hours a week
- Students perform in every lesson using a variety of different instruments depending on the scheme of work. Class tuition on specific instruments include keyboards, guitar, bass guitar, ukulele and drum kit/chair drumming.
- We are developing singing and all students in year 7 will learn to sing a variety of songs

looking at improving enjoyment, confidence, intonation, part singing and solo singing.

- Whole class ensemble teaching is evident in both key stages. Year 10 will be expected perform their ensemble in the Christmas concert. KS3 ensemble teaching can be seen in the djembe tasks, Samba, vocal training and Gamelan.
- The curriculum is inclusive including differentiated tasks to include all student's needs.
- Elton works with Bury Music Service and instrumental staff tutor students in small groups and individual lessons. Graded exam are worked towards during these lessons
- KS4 student's individual lessons are funded by Elton High School. Along side preparing for the GCSE performance exams some students also work towards RSL and ARBSM exams on their specific instruments.

Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles

This is about instrumental lessons we offer and extra curricular opportunities

Tuition time offered outside of what is taught in lesson time include individual and small group lessons. Instruments offered by Bury Music Service include:

Brass instruments, String, Woodwind and Guitar, Voice and Keyboard. For further information on cost and availability please click the link.

<https://burymusic.co.uk/lessons>

The drum kit, Voice, piano and Electric guitar and Bass guitar are taught by private tutors. Please email Mrs Stopford for further information with regards to cost and availability. stopfordk@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk

Elton offers a variety of ensembles which are timetabled weekly during social time. Choir, Jazz Band, Guitar Club, Band Skills, Karaoke Club and Keyboard Club.

There is no cost for extracurricular activities.

Go to the Elton Times for the timetable which includes times, days and rooming.

Guitar club and Jazz Band are open to students who play the relevant instruments. For Jazz Band this includes drum kit, bass and electric guitar, piano, clarinet, trumpet, trombone and saxophones.

All other clubs are open to everyone. For further information speak to your music teacher, email stopfordk@eltonhigh.bury.sch.uk or simply turn up to a rehearsal.

Students will be working towards performing at the music concerts which are at the end of each term.

Practice rooms can be booked for rehearsal at lunch and after 3.10p.m. To book a

room please speak to a member of the music department.

Part C: Musical Events and experiences

This is about concerts students can attend or perform in and opportunities to see live musicians

Elton offers three main opportunities to perform during the year or attend as part of the audience. Please see the school calendar for dates of concerts and read Elton Times for all updates.

Winter Concert: This includes performances from all clubs, a GCSE year 10 ensemble performance, soloist and a performance by the staff choir.

Elton's Got Talent: Students will submit an audition with the final 10 performing at the Grand Final. There will also be performances from staff and the extra-curricular groups.

Art Music Evening. This evening is held in the final term and includes an exhibition of KS4 Art/Textiles/Photography work as well as displays from students in KS3. Art and Music awards will be announced along with subject ambassadors. There will be solo performances, curriculum performances from KS3 as well as extra-curricular performances.

During KS3 all students will have an opportunity to see an orchestra at a concert venue. This usually takes place during the Spring term for either year 7 or 8 students. To fund this activity we ask for a small donation.

KS4 students will attend a concert performed by the Halle Orchestra looking specially at the set works.

Other opportunities include being invited to visit Holy Cross and attend their annual musical and performing in the Holy Cross Rock Band Evening. Bury Music Service also organise a 'Battle of the Bands Event'. Students are also invited to perform at Elton Awards Evenings.

In the future.

- Elton Music Department will be launching a new music technology scheme of work.
- Year 7 students will be learning how to use Charanga and creating their own

accompaniment to their rap. Year 9 students in the summer term will create their own song.

- A new Samba extra-curricular group will be formed in September which is open to all students.
- Singing will be embedded in all key stages by 2029 so students sing regularly. This will begin in September 2025 with Year 7. Students will gain confidence, improve intonation and breath control through learning to sing in unison, rounds and in harmony.