

Music development plan summary: Hebburn Comprehensive School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2026
Name of the school music lead	Stephen Wilkinson
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Angeline Phillips
Name of local music hub	Gateshead & South Tyneside
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Restore the Music

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.

This music progression strategy has been developed in collaboration with our Music Hub, following the release of the National Plan for Music in June 2022. As a school we hope each child grows to develop a love and passion for music.

Our school curriculum for music is published for each year group online [Music - Hebburn Comprehensive School](#). This includes how we are increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND). [SEND-and-Stretch-Challenge-Statement.pdf \(hebburn.net\)](#)

Pupils at KS3 study music two hours per fortnight. Pupils at KS4 study music six hours per fortnight for the entire academic year. The curriculum is centred around the Elements of Music with pupils studying performance, composition and listening. Pupils use software such as MuseScore and BandLab for Education.

The school music curriculum is informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021), non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3 and A National Plan for Music Education [The power of music to change lives - A National Plan for Music Education \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#).

All pupils at KS3 have the opportunity to learn to sing and play an instrument during lesson time. Pupils also have the opportunity to study instrumental/vocal lessons with visiting peripatetic teachers.

Curriculum music is supported by partnerships with the local music hub and Restore the Music.

Pupils in KS4 can study Eduqas GCSE Music. Pupils studying instrumental/vocal lessons can sit graded music exams in the academic year. The school pays for all exam entries. [WEBSITE COMPONENTS-OF-PERF-COMP and-website-assessment.pdf \(hebburn.net\)](#)

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.

Outside of what is taught in lesson time, one-to-one and small-group tuition is available in vocals, DJing, ukulele, bass, acoustic guitar, electric guitar, violin, cello, piano and drum kit.

Lessons are charged at £18.00. per month (excluding July – August) or £60.00 per term. Music tuition for pupil premium is subsidised by 50% by the school. Free singing lessons are available for all pupils who opt for GCSE Music.

Pupils can join ensembles outside of what is taught in lesson time, such as vocal ensembles in the school musical, as well as instrumental ensembles, bands and groups, which rehearse in the practice rooms after school. Practice rooms are available to book in school via [Practice Pal \(practicepalmusic.com\)](#). Pupils in Years 7, 8 and 11 are able to join the lunchtime choir, who rehearse weekly.

All pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time thanks to our links with the local music hub [Ensembles — Gateshead & South Tyneside Music Hub \(gatesheadandsouthtynesidemusichub.co.uk\)](#) and Restore the Music [Restore the Music \(restorethemusicuk.com\)](#) who have provided us with instruments. Pupils are encouraged to attend Music Hub ensembles, which are free of charge. Instruments are available for pupils learning, to take home free of charge, subsidised by the Music Hub. Professional musicians visit the school to perform for and with KS2 pupils to ensure excellence as part of transition.

The school champion excellence and high achievement by working with national organisations, such as the National Youth Choir of Great Britain.

Our school website signposts careers in music and guidance on relevant careers in music are provided in lessons.

Routes into further and higher education in music are signposted with our work with South Tyneside College, Sunderland College, Newcastle College, Gateshead College and Newcastle Sixth Form.

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.

All pupil performance annual events are free of charge and include:

- Open Mic night each term in the library (open to all pupils)
- School musical (open to all pupils) with revenue coming from paying public
- Year 7 Carol Service (Year 7 only)
- Live performance for each year group in KS3 from visiting professional musicians (Year 7, 8 and 9)
 - Theatre trip for GCSE Music pupils (KS4 as audience members)
 - End of Year Concert

In the future

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

Invite feeder primary schools to participate in the End of Year Concert. Date: July 2026

Introduce a choir for Years 9 and 10. Date September 2026

Form a string ensemble. Date September 2026

Further information (optional)

Keep up to date with our musical news via

<http://facebook.com/hebburncomprehensiveschool>

The Department for Education publishes a [guide for parents and young people](#) on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

Gateshead and South Tyneside Music Hub also has useful information [Gateshead & South Tyneside Music Hub \(gatesheadandsouthtynesidemusichub.co.uk\)](#)