

# Music development plan summary: Co-op Academy Beckfield

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-25
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Name of the school music lead	Katy Brodigan
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	ArtForms
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

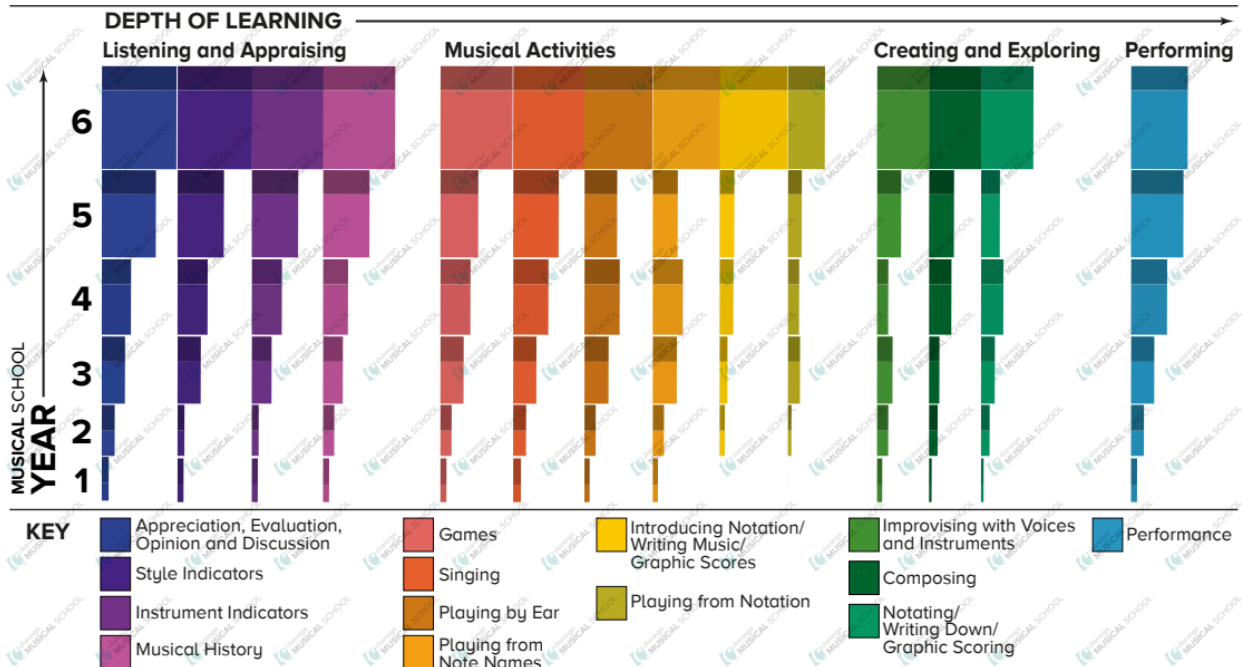
At Co-op Academy Beckfield, our vision for Music is to foster a lifelong love of music in every child. We believe that music is a powerful vehicle for self-expression, creativity, and cultural understanding. Through our music curriculum, we aim to nurture students' talents, build their confidence, and develop their ability to collaborate and communicate with others. We are committed to providing an inclusive music education that inspires students to explore different musical traditions and genres while building technical proficiency and performance skills.

Curriculum Coverage: We deliver the music curriculum using Charanga, an online music resource designed to support a broad and balanced music education. Through Charanga, students engage with a diverse range of music, from classical and contemporary to global musical traditions, ensuring they develop both practical and

theoretical knowledge. For more information about the topics covered in each year group, please visit our school website:

<https://www.beckfield.coopacademies.co.uk/page/?title=Music&pid=244> .

Learning progression throughout our curriculum underpinned by Charanga:



Every week, every child from Nursery - Year 6 receives an hour of music education.

**Planning and Lesson Structure:** Our music lessons are carefully structured following Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction. Lessons begin with a review of previous learning to help students recall key concepts, followed by the introduction of new material in small steps, ensuring comprehension. Guided practice, scaffolded support, and frequent checking for understanding are key features of our lessons, allowing all students to progress at their own pace. Independent practice is also incorporated, giving students opportunities to explore musical instruments and composition.

**Inclusivity:** We believe that music should be accessible to all, regardless of background or ability. Our curriculum is designed to be inclusive, offering differentiated activities to meet the needs of all students, including disadvantaged children, those with SEN and those eligible for Pupil Premium funding. Through adaptive teaching methods, additional support, and access to a variety of musical instruments and technologies, we ensure that all students can participate fully in music lessons and enjoy a rich learning experience.

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teach students guitar and piano. Any child from Year 1 - 6 can sign up for this tuition and this is heavily subsidised by the school.

## Part B: Music Tuition and the School Choir

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.

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Throughout the school year we offer a variety of musical extra-curricular activities for year groups across the school and this is all free to attend. For Early and KS1, children can participate in a musical theatre after-school club. For KS2, we run a school choir throughout the year. In addition to this, we put on a school musical each year and rehearsals for this are after-school. Any child from KS2 can participate in this. Our production for 2023-24 was Oliver the Musical!

## 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.

### Weekly whole-school singing assembly

Every Wednesday, there is a whole-school singing assembly.

Children sing our school song: *Beckfield Be your Best!*

Children also sing other songs during these assembly times, drawn from a wide variety of genres.

## Performances

Children throughout the school have the opportunity to perform to an audience at various stages during their primary career.

In Early Years and Key Stage 1, children take part in a Christmas-related performance. Every child is included in this. Parents are invited to watch.

In Key Stage 2, children are given opportunities to perform a singing showcase at Christmas time and then an end-of-year musical play. Parents and members of the community are invited to watch. Children also perform at community locations, including the local social club and Tesco.

Every year group, from Reception to Year 6, does a class assembly each year, where they write and perform for the rest of the school based on a unit of work they have done in other areas of the curriculum.

At Christmastime, we invite a performance company into school to perform a Pantomime for the whole school.

We work in partnership with Leeds International Piano Competition. Children in Year 4 visit the Carriageworks in Leeds to watch a piano concert performed by Alexandra Dariescu - a world famous concert pianist. We have also received a donated piano from this organisation.

We work in partnership with a local music club called 'The Music Box' and they provide opportunities for children to sing and perform in their local community.

We invite string musicians in to perform to a Key Stage 1 audience and a company called 'Back Chat Brass' to come and perform for children in Key Stage 2.

Children in Year 3 visit a local theatre to watch a performance each year.

Children across school have the opportunity to take part in the annual Trust 'Young Musician of the Year' award, where they perform in local venues to an audience.

Children who take part in piano and guitar tuition perform to an audience at the end of each term.

All performances are free of charge to children and their families.

## In the future

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

- More children to visit the theatre during academic year 2024-25.
- More children to be given opportunities to have small group tuition during the academic year 2025-26.

