



## SHERBURN HIGH SCHOOL

## Music Development Plan Summary 2025-2026

### Overview

Detail	Information
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This document 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 Sherburn we teach the National Curriculum for Music to year 7 and year 8 students. We teach AQA GCSE Music to KS4. All pupils, including those with SEND, access the music curriculum in the same way as we provide equal opportunities for all

### **The Music Curriculum**

Sherburn High School music curriculum aims to give students the opportunities to:

Develop a love of listening to music from a variety of genres  
Recognise features of various genres of music.  
Develop the confidence to perform, solo and ensemble.  
Use ideas creatively to compose music in a variety of styles and structures.  
Demonstrate tolerance of others' opinions and ideas.  
Take ownership of their own creative work .  
Work with others to solve problems.  
Support and show respect to others when performing.  
Use a variety of musical instruments and Music Software.

### **Music Opportunities**

Students gain a firm understanding of what music is through listening, singing, playing, evaluating, analysing, and composing across a wide variety of historical periods, styles, traditions, and musical genres. We are committed to ensuring all children understand the value and importance of music and are able to use their musical skills, knowledge, and experiences to involve themselves in music, in a variety of different contexts.

### **Effective Music Partnerships**

Many children access the North Yorkshire Music Service for specialist music tuition. The service also supports the school GCSE Students. In addition, the Music Service provides opportunities for pupils to work towards music qualifications in instrumental performance and music theory.

## **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.

Pupils have a variety of opportunities to make progress outside of the planned curriculum teaching for music. This includes one-to-one, small group and larger group instrumental and vocal tuition from the North Yorkshire Music Service

Pupils also access the North Yorkshire Music Service Saturday music groups. Where needed, instrument loans can be arranged with the Music Service.

For the Academic Year 2025-2026, instrumental tuition will be provided by the Music Service for:

- Piano
- Vocal
- Keyboard
- Guitar
- Electric Guitar
- Drums
- Acoustic guitar
- Bass guitar
- Classical guitar

Where pupils are provided instrumental tuition, charging and remissions information is provided by the Music Service. Depending on individual family financial circumstances, tuition can be subsidised or free.

Other musical opportunities outside of the classroom are available at lunch time and after school. Each year group can access the practise rooms and music equipment one lunchtime a fortnight. Music Clubs on offer vary year to year depending on the cohort. Examples of these are

- Vocal Group
- School Band
- Music practise
- GCSE coursework clinic
- Period 7 for year 11 GCSE Music students

Access to practise rooms, instruments and music technology is also available after school.

### **Part C: Musical Experiences**

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as concerts and shows, and trips to professional concerts.

We expose our pupils to a wider range of music experiences across the academic year so that they can observe others perform and be part of performances themselves.

Students have the opportunity to perform in a musical in which the music department works very closely with the drama department every 2 years.

The Winter Festival, Open Evening, Summer Festival and the Sherbies are also performance opportunities offered.

Each year North Yorkshire Music service perform a concert to year 7 to promote instrumental lessons and also so the students can experience a live musical performance.

## In the future

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

Areas we would like to develop further:

Over the coming academic year, we plan to make improvements to the music provision available to our students by:

- Increasing participation in extra-curricular activities
- Offering educational visits relating to the curriculum and supporting the students to access live music outside of the classroom.
- Offering an increased number of performance opportunities inside and outside of school.
- Development of new Schemes of work for Ks4 in line with the change of set works in the AQA exam.
- Develop links with Tadcaster Grammar to offer A level music as a consortium subject across both schools.
- Continue to develop Music Technology in line with National Curriculum/Model Music Curriculum