

Greenfield Academy Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	4 th September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	4 th September 2026
Name of the school music lead	John Gomez Gil
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Claire Middleton
Name of local music hub	Durham Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s)	ALP Music Network

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.

You can find details of our KS3 and GCSE curriculum on our website:

<https://greenfieldacademy.org.uk/performing-arts/>

Pupils will learn how to play the keyboard and ukulele in Year 7, the guitar, bass guitar and/or Drum kit in Year 8. In Year 9, students will build on their chosen instrument with a focus on strengthening their skills, knowledge, and understanding.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
African Drums	12 Bar Blues	Film Music
Keyboard Skills	EDM	
Remix	Reggae	Rock Band
Melody	Pachelbel Meets Sibelius	
Ukulele	My Instrument	Ensemble Performance
Arranging		

KeyStage4 OCR GCSE Music is taught in small groups for five hours per fortnight.

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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 can learn the following instruments in school: woodwind, voice, guitar, ukulele, percussion, brass, and keyboard. These take place in small group and individual lessons and are provided by the Durham Music Service and Musicworks Northern. The cost for these lessons can be found on both the [Durham Music Service](#) and [Musicworks Northern](#) websites. If your child is eligible for free school meals, then there is a reduction in cost for lessons.

Pupils are invited to join in as many enrichment opportunities as they like: school choir, keyboard club, rock band, and the Musical Monday's club.

There are practice rooms where pupils may practise at break or lunchtimes. The department is well resourced with two grand pianos, an upright piano, five digital pianos, fifteen Yamaha and Casio keyboards, bass guitars, classical and electric guitars, ukuleles and four acoustic and two electric drum kits.

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.

The Performing Arts department organises three events each year: a Christmas concert, a school production, and a summer concert. Both the Christmas and summer concerts will feature drama and dance performances as well as a range of musical acts, including soloists, the school choir, and student ensembles made up of Durham Music Service and Musicworks Northern students.

Our school production is our biggest event of the year, such as *Mary Poppins* (2024), *Annie* (2023), and *Grease* (2022). Taking place over three nights along with a matinee for our feeder primary schools, the production includes students from all year groups and provides a great area to showcase their music, drama and dance skills. Professional equipment is hired in which gives the students a professional experience of taking part in a large musical production.

Students also have the opportunity to attend events outside of school. As a school, we have taken our choir to perform in care homes, sing at the town centre Christmas light switch on event, and perform at other venues such as the Glasshouse International Centre for Music, Locomotion in Shildon, and Glow Venue in Newton Aycliffe.

As a Performing Arts department we also try to provide opportunities to attend professional productions throughout the year: *2:22 A Ghost Story*, *Hamilton* and *Les Misérables* at the Sunderland Empire; *Women in Black* and *Heathers* at the Darlington Hippodrome.

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In the future

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

The school is currently in the process of a new build and refurbishment. The Performing Arts department will stay in the current rooms and areas but these will be refurbished by September 2026.

In the future we would like to look at more collaboration between the music and drama within the curriculum, specifically at GCSE with a potential to offer a performing arts qualification.

Further information

Musicworks Northern - <https://www.musicworksnorthern.co.uk/>

Durham Music Service - <https://www.durhammusic.org.uk/>

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