

Music development plan summary:

THE RIPLEY ACADEMY

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	November 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	November 2025
Name of the school music lead	Eleanor Byrne
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Derby City and County music partnership
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

Part A: Curriculum music

Music provision at The Ripley Academy is as follows:

- Year 7 and year 8 music is taught the equivalent of 1 hour per week.
- Year 9 music is taught 1 hour per fortnight.
- Y10 and Y11 music is taught for 5 hours per fortnight.
- At KS4 pupils work towards GCSE in music (OCR).

- During KS3 lessons pupil have opportunities to play keyboard, ukulele and sing.
- Pupils have opportunities to compose music using rhythm grids, standard notation and music notation software.
- Pupils will also regularly listen to music and develop their appraisal skills.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

- The Ripley academy has a group of visiting instrument teachers who offer lessons on piano, guitar, violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone.
- We are hoping to re-start lessons on the drums and voice this academic year.
- To support the instrument lessons, The Ripley Academy has a small supply of violins and clarinets that we loan to pupils who are having lessons with one of our visiting instrument teachers. We do not currently charge for this service.
- During this academic year there will be an after-school choir group and a lunchtime guitar group.
- The music department is also most lunchtimes for pupils to drop in and practise or try different instruments.
- The visiting instrument teachers also give pupils details about the local Saturday music centre that they can join.

Part C: Musical experiences

- Pupils will have regular opportunities to perform to their class during lessons.
- As part of the creative arts faculty, in the summer term Year 7 will be taking part in an arts event during the school day. There will be workshops in music, drama and art ending in a performance for parents/carers.
- Pupils will have the opportunity to perform at lunchtimes to their friends and teachers.
- There will also be a talent show where the pupils who are learning music in school and outside of school, will have the opportunity to perform to an audience in the school theatre.

In the future

- The Year 7 creative arts drop down will become an annual event.
- The school music department will have at least a yearly showcase that parents/carers can attend.
- There will either a trip or visiting musicians arranged initially for KS4 music pupils and then extended to KS3.