

# Music development plan summary: Deyes High School



## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Jennifer Byrne
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Learning Manager of Expressive & Performing Arts
Name of local music hub	Sefton Music Service (Sky Hub)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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

At Deyes High School students receive 2 hours of curriculum music lesson per fortnight (nominally once a week) in Years 7, 8 and 9. At Key Stage 4 students follow the EDUQAS GCSE Music specification and receive 5 hours teaching per fortnight. At Key Stage 5 students follow the Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance. Students receive 9 hours teaching per fortnight.

At Key Stage 3 our curriculum is broad, knowledge-rich and skills based with a focus on creating authentic musical experiences for our students. Students study a range of styles from the UK and around the world. Our students have the opportunity to develop their practical performance skills on a range of instruments including keyboard, guitar, ukulele, tuned and un-tuned percussions instruments including djembe drums and samba drums. Students can also develop their music technology skills through the use of a range of software including music notation software and DAWs.

## Part B: Music Tuition, Choirs and Ensembles

Students at Deyes High School are offered 1-to-1 instrumental provision provided by Sefton Music Service and private tutors. This tuition is opt-in and is paid for by parents. Lessons are available on voice, piano, guitar, drum kit, woodwind, strings and brass.

The Sefton Music Service offers a free instrumental loan service for any students paying for their instrumental provision. The music service also pays for lessons and instrument loans for any Looked After Children within school. Within the Music Service a range of ensemble are on offer for our students to participate in and perform within. Full details about what Sefton Music Service offers and provides is at:

<https://www.skymusicclub.com/>

The school also works with external agencies to provide an enriched alternative to the more traditional musical instrument tuition pathways. Deyes High has developed strong links with Score Creative Education (through Sefton Music Service) delivering DJ Masterclasses to students who wish to develop their skills to assist them in the performance element of the GCSE course.

At Deyes High School we have an extensive range of extra-curricular activities and clubs that students can join and continue with their music-making outside of their regular timetabled music lesson. These include:

- School Choir
- School Production Club – this year we are producing “Sister Act.”
- KS3 Music Club
- Guitar Group

As well as these clubs, students can rehearse using our suite of practice rooms at lunchtime or after school. This can either be for a soloist or small group. With these new facilities being available students have begun to create their own musical groups. Currently we have a Year 7, 8, 9 and Year 11 music group/band that is student independently lead.

## 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.

Throughout the academic year there are regular performance opportunities for students at Deyes High School. The planned events for this year are:

- Anti-Bullying Schools Project – Choir performing with BSL at St. George’s Hall (November)
- Community Christmas Performances (at Aintree and The Royal Hospitals, James Page Nursing Home.) (December)
- Christmas Concert (December)
- “GlastonDeyes” Performing Arts Festival (March)
- Transition Event Performances: Sister Act (School Production) and Christmas Concert collaboration with two Primary schools: Melling and Summerhill.
- School Production Week (June/July)
- Music Department tour to Barcelona (July) – two concerts being performed there.

These events and shows are open to all students and year groups. All are fully inclusive and do not require auditions. For the annual school production and “GlastonDeyes” auditions are held as these are ticketed events. Additionally, students support the school at Open Evening and Awards Evening performing to prospective students and parents and showcasing their talents for our school community. All students are audience members for “GlastonDeyes” and the school production.

The school has also strong ties with a number of theatrical groups including LIPA academies, LD Productions and Stagecoach.

## In the future

At Deyes High School we are always looking to improve and develop the music offer for all students. To improve this offer we are planning on developing the following:

- Expand the choir/voice provision in school to two choirs; a beginner and intermediate level choir. Access to the intermediate level choir would be audition only.
- An increased offer for students to go and see high quality musical performances (including trips to see the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra).
- Plan and deliver a “Music Workshop Day” for KS3 musicians where external professional musicians are invited into school for the day.
- Arrange a rehearsal residential trip for our school production team and cast.

## Further information (optional)

DFE: Music education: information for parents and young people:

A guide to the national plan for music education and how to get help for parents, carers and young people.

[Music education: information for parents and young people - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people)

Sefton Music Service (currently SKY Music Hub):

<https://www.skymusichub.com/>

Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Company:

<https://www.liverpoolphil.com/take-part/youth-company/>

LIPA 4-19 Academy:

<https://www.lipa419.co.uk/Academies/LIPA-419-Maghull>