Music development plan summary
The Becket School

Overview

Detail	Information
SEPTEMBER 2026 – AUGUST 2027	
01/09/26	CREATED
JULY 2027	REVIEW DATE
MARIE JACKSON	DIRECTOR OF MUSIC
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INSPIRE/NOTTINGHAM MUSIC HUB	LOCAL AUTHORITY HUBS
NOTTINGHAM YOUTH ORCHESTRA NOTTINGHAM TRENT UNIVERSITY OLOL MUSIC SERVICE	PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

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.

- Details of The Becket Music Department Curriculum Intent which is based on the model music curriculum can be found at the following link.

  https://www.becketonline.co.uk/curriculum-area/music/

- Students have the opportunity to learn to play ukulele – guitar – drums – keyboard in class lessons in addition to whole class singing. Schemes of Work are also structured to incorporate students own instrumental skills alongside whole class provision.
- The Music department works in partnership with OLOL Music service, Inspire and Nottingham Music Hub in the provision of curriculum music.

  https://www.ololmusic.co.uk/
  https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/services-schools/nottinghamshire-music-hub/
  https://www.nottinghammusichub.org.uk/

- The Music department also works with Nottingham Trent University in providing placements for Secondary Music trainees on a termly basis and for workshop sessions and is part of the Teaching Hub.

  https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/itt/

  https://www.ntu.ac.uk/course/education/pg/secondary-education

- In addition to our Keystage 4 & 5 Curriculum

  https://www.becketonline.co.uk/curriculum-area/music/

  https://www.becketonline.co.uk/sixth_form_courses/music/

Students have the opportunity to utilise their Music skills in gaining qualifications from the following awarding organisations:

Arts Award – Trinity Rock School – RSL – ABRSM – Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Part B: Extracurricular music

The Music department offers a range of instrumental and singing lessons across all disciplines in conjunction with OLOL Music Service – Inspire – Nottingham Music Service.

Students can learn to play, either individually or in small group lessons any standard orchestral instrument plus piano, keyboard, drum kit, guitar and singing.

Outside of curriculum lessons students have the opportunity to take part in a range of ensembles these currently include:

Ceilidh Band – Concert Band – Choir – Big band – Rock Bands – Worship Band plus other ensembles

All ensembles regularly perform every academic year in the local community at Concerts, Open evenings, Masses and on our Music tour abroad.

In addition to school ensembles students are encouraged to join one of the Nottingham Youth Orchestra ensembles, Nottingham City Ensembles, The Cathedral Choir and local community groups.

All the music services offer the loan of instruments for students to take home. Students are encouraged to take additional qualifications to showcase their skills. The school will purchase instruments on the government VAT free scheme to support parents with the cost of Music.

Support for students that wish to learn an instrument and are in receipt of FSM can access additional funding from the Nottingham Music services and OLOL has a Little Acts of Kindness fund which parents can apply to if they do not meet the other criteria. The Becket also allocates Pupil premium funding to support reducing the cost for FSM students.

Participation in a school ensemble is free of charge and there is an open-door policy and parents are informed of remission schemes via the Music services to support with membership fees of other ensembles. Students are able to book a school practice room/music room to be able to rehearse their own ensembles on a regular basis and the school is also host to many musical community groups such as Nottingham Youth Orchestra and Nottingham Youth Jazz Band.

Part C: Musical experiences

The Music department organises many musical events throughout the academic year for musicians to take part in either as audience member or as a performer. Where these are organised by community groups members of the dept attend to support students. For 2026 - 2027 these include:

- Music in Mass and Liturgies
- Waterbear Music College workshop and presentation
- Musicals in the West End at Nottingham Concert Hall
- Annual Christmas Concert
- Multiple showcases at Open evenings and Awards Ceremonies
- Nottingham Youth Orchestra and ensembles termly concerts
- Nottinghamshire Annual Music Conference
- Annual trip to London's West End to see a Musical and a Workshop at Pineapple studios
- Annual Musical Theatre showcase
- Carlton Male Voice Choir Music Maker Competition
- Halle Orchestra Film Music Concert Trip
- Chicago Musical Theatre trip in Nottingham
- Buxton Fringe Festival
- Music tour to Europe with the band and choir/ West End Weekend

When not performing in an event students are encouraged to attend as audience members to support their fellow students and develop their own musical knowledge. Students of all ages are encouraged to attend trips unless only suitable for an examination specification. Parents can apply for funding to support attendance on extra-curricular trips from the Little Acts of Kindness Fund. When linked to an examination specification funding is available to support those in receipt of FSM.

In the future

The Music department would like to continue to strengthen its links with a range of musical organisations to provide additional opportunities for its students and make music more accessible for all students.

It will continue to review its curricular and extra-curricular provision to ensure all students are able to access high quality provision delivered by expert qualified teachers in its annual Music development plan.

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