

Music development plan summary: English Martyrs' Catholic Voluntary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Gemma Ellis
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Gemma Ellis
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Music Education Hub

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.

Curriculum music lessons are informed by the Model Music Curriculum (non-statutory guidance for music teaching) and provide pupils with opportunities to:

- Listen to and evaluate music from diverse time periods and cultures.
- Learn how to create and control sound using their voices, as well as tuned and untuned instruments.
- Understand how music is communicated through various notation systems.
- Improvise and compose music.
- Perform musically in front of audiences of varying sizes.

At English Martyrs', music is taught from EYFS through to Year 6, once a week for 45 minutes

We use curriculum planning and resources from Kapow Primary in addition to the curriculum being informed by the [model music curriculum](#) (March 2021) non-statutory guidance for music.

At English Martyrs', all classes have 30 minutes per week of music. In FS children sing and are introduced to untuned instruments. In KS2, all pupils have the opportunity to experience a variety of instruments, and an instrumental scheme is also delivered by our Year 3 and 4 teachers and gives pupils an opportunity to learn the glockenspiel for a prolonged period, allowing them to develop technical proficiency on a single instrument.

Our curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (MMC) and curriculum is supported by high quality resources from Kapow primary. All teachers follow a detailed plan of components needed to achieve a composite. They know what comes before and after and this is carefully assessed. The curriculum is meticulously planned so it caters for all children, including adaptations for children with SEND. Staff are expertly trained to understand and support the needs of all pupils.

Please visit our website for details of the music curriculum [Music curriculum](#)

Part B: Extra-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.

At English Martyrs' Year 3 and 4 pupils take part in weekly singing with the Director of Music for the Diocese of Nottingham and have the chance to perform at Nottingham Cathedral as part of the choir for Christmas and Easter events. Children are encouraged to join the Cathedral choirs. [Nottingham Cathedral choirs](#)

Additionally, we run a KS1 and KS2 choir as after school clubs and they often perform at school events and during whole school collective worship. The KS2 choir are invited along to Young Voices each year and the majority of pupils attend.

KS2 pupils have the option to access peripatetic music lessons with external teachers from The Becket School. They can choose from a range of instruments and if pupils are Pupil Premium eligible, the school can support the cost. The school office can offer more details to interested parents.

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.

There are many experiences at English Martyrs' that pupils have to increase their love for music.

Singing is an integral part of English Martyrs' and we plan weekly opportunities for singing during assemblies, Mass and Celebration of the Word. Our chaplain regularly plays the guitar, and all children get to experience this as an accompaniment to their weekly singing.

Year 3 and 4, in Christmas and Easter visits to Nottingham Cathedral, are able to enjoy the performances of the choir and instruments that accompany. Year 5 and 6 are given the opportunity to attend Young Voices yearly.

In the future

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

- We will be continuing to develop the knowledge of composers.
- To continue to hold performances each year to parents and the school.
- Develop our long-term plan to provide more opportunities for more children to experience live music.

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.