

Music Development Plan

The *Basildon Academies*

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Miss G Stoddard
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex Music Hub: Essex Music Service

Overview

We strive to deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, extra-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#).

The information in this summary is to help students and parents/carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our students music education as well as changes we are planning in future years.

We teach Music at The Basildon Academies as it acts in a unique way on the heart, mind, soul and spirit of the child, stimulating thought, imagination, creativity and a skillset.

We aim to instil a passion and inspire students to develop a love of Music, so it increases their self-confidence, sense of achievement and cultural experiences.

The Music curriculum is designed to introduce the next generation to a broad and ambitious repertoire, building up from basic terminology and chronology of Music, through to a broad range of classic tradition, popular artists and performances from around the world. This allows students to develop risk taking, problem solving and become creative thinkers who can collaborate with others well and work independently.

The Music department supports all students to ensure they are ready for progression from KS3 to GCSE by offering a rich and varied framework that nurtures fundamental Music techniques, offering a clear pathway towards mature understanding and defined end points. Foundation elements complement developing aural skills, improvisation, memorisation and composition/devising,

We build community through the shared endeavour of performance whether it be singing, ensemble playing/group performances or School Production, experimenting with the creative process and through the love of listening and watching friends and fellow students, performing. The sheer joy of performance making feeds the soul of our school community, enriching each student while strengthening the shared bonds of support and trust.

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 students can achieve.

Music is taught at the Lower Academy as part of the of **Performing Arts Department**.

In each year group students will study Performing Arts (PA) for the equivalent of half a term, every term which encompasses both Music and Drama.

Music Technology is also embedded into the ICT curriculum.

One impact of bringing Music back into core curriculum for KS3 in 2021 was that in September 2024 we introduced GCSE Music to our first cohort of students at the Upper Academy, who study the subject 2 hours per week over two years:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Yr10	Conventions of Pop	Rhythms of the World & Film Music	Composition & Portfolio

- Our school curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March 2021) which provides non-statutory guidance for teaching music in Key Stage 3
- We follow the Charanga Model Music Curriculum/Charanga Original Scheme, which has been written to follow the scope and breadth of the model music curriculum.
- We partner with Greater Essex Music Hub and Essex Music Service to support musical opportunities for our pupils.
- In September 2024, The Basildon Lower Academy was awarded certification as a **Music Mark School**, in recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people.

The opportunities our students have to sing or play an instrument during lesson time are as follows:

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	The Elements Singing, Percussion and Keyboard	Keyboard Skills Keyboard and Singing	-
Year 8	-	Ukulele Skills	I've Got Rhythm

		Ukulele, Keyboard and Singing	Drums, Percussion & Ukulele
Year 9	Music Production Yu Studio DAW	-	Conventions of Pop Keyboards, Singing, Drums and Percussion

Additional instrumental Music lessons and qualifications information can be found in the Extra Curricular Music section.

Part B: Extra Curricular Music

At Basildon Lower Academy we aim to provide as many opportunities as possible for students to sing and play music outside of lesson time.

Extra Curricular Clubs

Our lunch time and after school clubs are free of charge. The lunch clubs are bound by our staggered year group system. Lunch clubs offer students a private space to rehearse individually or in groups.

Our after school clubs are open to any lower school students to attend by collecting a letter from the Music department or completing the online form that Miss Stoddard sends out via email each term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Yr9 lunch 12:30-1pm				Music club	
Yr8 lunch 1-1:30pm				Music club	
Yr7 lunch 1:30-2pm				Music club	
After school 3.30-4.15			Music club	Choir Club	

Peripatetic music instrument lessons

We offer individual music lessons in partnership with Essex Music Services on the following instruments: Guitar, Bass, Drums, Ukulele, Voice, Piano and by Term 2 this academic year we anticipate expanding our instrument lessons to include Brass, Strings and Woodwind.

An email is sent out to parents/carers each half term where they can choose the instrument their child wants to learn and add their child to the waiting list.

Music lessons will take place during the school day with specialist music tutors. You can find further information in this [A Parent's Guide to Music Provision](#).

Parents register via this link: [Basildon Academies Instrument Tuition](#)

Financial assistance is available for families with a household income under £24,000 and can apply for a 66% discount

There is also free 15 minute lessons for Looked after Children, Adopted Children and those who have had contact with Social Care

[Financial assistance - Tuition Discount](#)

If your child does not own an instrument, low-cost instrument hire is available

[Hire an Instrument](#)

There will be 30 lessons throughout the academic year. 10 lessons per term.

The standard termly charges are as follows:

10 x 15-minute lessons per term (recommended for beginner level) = £91.50 per term (£31.11 with 66% tuition discount)

10 x 30-minute lessons per term = £183.00 (£62.22 with 66% tuition discount)

School Band

We currently have a student school Rock Band who welcome younger students to shadow them during rehearsals and Music Club as well as marketing themselves and creating content to generate a student fanbase. Our school band perform at every opportunity/event throughout the year.

Out of hours learning

Home music practice is encouraged for our students to enable them to practice their instrument, theory notation as well as compose music in their own time.

We also provide students free access to cloud based DAW software called:

Charanga and Yu Studio

This allows students to compose Music without necessarily having to play an instrument.

Apps and websites that students have cited that they enjoy using for Music are:

Groovepad

Yousician

Saturday Music School

After the success of last year, we anticipate running this again as an opportunity for Music loving students to create ensembles/bands. This is free.

Music Summer School

For the third year running we aim to continue our free, week long, Music Summer School where students meet on day 1 and by day 5 are performing in a showcase in bands.

Part C: Music Workshops/Events/Performances

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in the community, concerts and shows, and trips to watch professional performances.

In September 2024 we were awarded certification as a **Music Mark School**.

Recognised for our commitment to providing a high-quality music education for our students awarded by the UK Association for Music Education.

The Music Department actively seeks third party Grants and funding to offer students mostly free opportunities and experiences within Music.

The following experiences and opportunities are offered for free to our students (unless stated otherwise) and every year group is encouraged to take part:

Term 1 –

School Choir performances at The Towngate Theatre for the Jack Petchey Awards

Band and Choir performances at Year 6 Open Evening

West End Theatre trip for students to experience a live show (£2 contribution)

Choir performance at The Brentwood Centre accompanied by The Essex Youth orchestra

Band and Choir performances at the Basildon Lower Academy annual Christmas Fayre which is a free event for parents/carers to attend

Term 2 –

Open Mic at The Towngate Theatre for students to perform on stage alongside musicians from other schools, embedding a culture of music community.

Taste Your Future – Saturday Career Music session

DJ workshops with visiting industry DJ and producer. A free experience organised by Essex Music Service.

Term 3 –

Samba Band visiting workshop from professional company ‘**Rhythm Connections.**’

Samba Band, School Rock Band, student DJ’s and Choir performances at our Summer Fayre which is a free event for parents/carers to attend

School Production TBC.

Future planning

Curriculum delivery order of projects across Music and ICT will change to ensure an even exposure to Music within an academic year.

	Term 1 September - December		Term 2 January - April		Term 3 April - July	
	Half Term 1	Half Term 2	Half Term 3	Half Term 4	Half Term 5	Half Term 6
Yr 7	PA - Music	ICT	PA - Music	ICT* Music Technology	PA - Drama	ICT
Yr 8	PA – Drama *	ICT	PA - Music	ICT	PA - Music	ICT* Music Technology
Yr 9	PA – Music Music Technology	ICT	PA - Drama	ICT	PA - Music	ICT

*Will change to Music for 2025-2026 curriculum to close the gap between studying Music in Year 7 and picking it up in year 8

*Looking to move Year 7 Music Tech to Term 3 instead of Term 2 to even the exposure of Music across the year

*Looking to move year 8 Music Tech to Term 2 instead of Term 3 to even the exposure of Music across the year

Through the expansion of our peripatetic music tuition, we anticipate creating larger ensembles and bands in the next stage of our developing department that include orchestral instruments.

We aim to start Music qualifications within peripatetic lessons and look to encourage and support instrument examinations and awards.

Our Music Technology lessons on DAW **YuStudio** allows students to complete projects in a particular genre. One completed project is equivalent of a level 1 in Music Technology, so we want to continue the delivery within ICT lessons for each year group.

The creator of YuStudio along with Essex Music Services are working on this becoming a qualification in the future.

A dedicated computer suite for Music Technology and a recording studio.