

Music development plan summary: The Henry Cort Community College

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
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Name of the school music lead	Mr Ben Chilcott & Miss Teresina Morra
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr Ben Parker
Name of local music hub	Hampshire Music Service
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

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.

In Years 7, 8 and 9, students receive music lessons for the equivalent of 1 hour a week (2 hours a fortnight). Students learn about a range of music from different styles and genres. Skills are underpinned by the elements of music, and students develop knowledge and skills using instruments, working as ensembles and applying a basic understanding of music theory.

In Years 10 and 11, students have the opportunity to study for the WJEC Level 1/2 Award in Performing Arts, a vocational course where practical work around performing and composing is integral to the course. They receive 5 hours of lessons per fortnight.

Part B: Co-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.

Outside of classroom lessons, students have the opportunity to receive instrumental or vocal tuition. These lessons are delivered by our specialist music teachers or in partnership with Hampshire Music Service, and run throughout the school day and in some cases after school. There is a charge for these lessons.

We currently have a Jazz Ensemble (HeCJO) and Vocal Ensemble. Practice rooms are available for students to book at identified times after college.

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.

We have a range of regular performance opportunities every year. These include the Christmas Concert, Annual Showcase, Charity week performances, and students perform annually in the Whiteley Town Assembly and Whiteley Meadowside Festival.

We also participate in an annual Cluster Concert, featuring students from across our cluster of schools. In the summer term, students will stage a musical.

In the future

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

In the future we plan to offer additional course choices at KS4, expand our range of extra-curricular opportunities, and increase opportunities for all students to attend live performances.