

Music Development Plan Summary St. Ives School



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Local Music Hub: ASONE Cornwall

Partnerships: Currently none, aside from the collaboration with ASONE.

Overview

This summary outlines how St. Ives School delivers music education across three key areas: curriculum music, co-curricular music, and musical experiences. It details both the current offerings and future plans, aiming to provide students with a comprehensive and high-quality musical education.

Part A: Curriculum Music

At St. Ives School, our music curriculum offers a structured and sequenced learning experience based on the National Curriculum for Key Stage 3 and the OCR GCSE syllabus for Key Stage 4. The curriculum is designed to foster creativity, technical skill, and cultural awareness.

Time Allocation for Music:

- **Year 7:** 1 hour and 15 minutes every fortnight
- **Year 8:** 2 hours and 30 minutes every fortnight
- **Year 9:** 1 hour and 15 minutes every fortnight
- **Year 10:** 2 hours and 30 minutes every fortnight
- **Year 11:** 5 hours per fortnight

Curriculum Content:

- Year 7 explores foundational skills such as notation, keyboard skills, and ensemble performance. Students progress through a variety of topics including 'School of Rock' and 'Sea Shanties.'
- Year 8 focuses on ensemble performance and song writing, including units on Samba, Pop Ballads, and Film Music.
- Year 9 covers musical genres such as Blues, Baroque, and Israeli Folk Music.

- Key Stage 4 (Years 10 and 11) includes preparation for GCSE Music, with a focus on listening and appraising, performance, and composition.

See the website for full curriculum details -

https://www.stivesschool.net/web/curriculum_information/630798

Music Qualifications:

- We offer GCSE Music, enabling students to explore music theory, composition, and performance. The course follows the OCR exam syllabus.

Partnerships:

- St. Ives School partners with ASONE, the music hub for Cornwall, which supports our curriculum music offerings.
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Part B: Co-Curricular Music

Our co-curricular music provision is designed to encourage students to further develop their musical skills outside of lesson time. We offer a range of instrumental lessons and ensembles to cater to diverse interests and abilities.

Instrumental Tuition:

- St. Ives provides piano, woodwind, brass, drums, guitar, and voice lessons. Small group lessons are available for selected participants.

Ensembles and Groups:

- We offer several ensemble opportunities, including a ukulele ensemble, keyboard club, pop choir, and a school musical that is staged every other year.
- Practice rooms are available on-site for students to rehearse individually or in groups.

Progression and Accessibility:

- Our extra-curricular offerings ensure that students can progress in music beyond the classroom. We aim to make music accessible to all, regardless of prior experience.
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Part C: Musical Experiences

At St. Ives, we believe that experiencing live music and performing are key components of a well-rounded musical education.

Events and Performances:

- The school organizes regular events, including visits from professional artists and occasional workshops.
- A biennial performance is a staple of our school's music calendar, allowing students to showcase their talents. Additionally, we plan a large-scale music performance in the summer term, as well as a winter performing arts showcase.

Inclusion:

- No charges are applied for music events, and all pupils are encouraged to participate.
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Future Plans

Our goal for the coming years is to expand student participation in extra-curricular music activities and increase the number of students pursuing GCSE Music. We aim to strengthen our partnership with ASONE and continue to seek opportunities that align with our curriculum vision.

We are committed to making music education accessible to all students, regardless of their ability or SEND needs.

Further Information

For more details about our curriculum and co-curricular offerings, or to learn about opportunities for students to get involved, please refer to our Music Curriculum Statement and Curriculum Overview.