

King Edward VI Northfield School for Girls Music Development Plan

Part A: Curriculum music

In Key Stage 3, students at King Edward VI NSG receive two hours of music education over two weeks. In Key Stage 4, students receive five hours of music education over two weeks with an extra two hours afterschool available for all GCSE students, working towards achieving the OCR Music GCSE.

Potential next steps:

- Implement regular formative assessments to track student progress and provide targeted support where needed.
- Introduce cross-curricular projects that integrate music with other subjects to enhance student engagement and understanding.
- To continue integrating the use of Music technology into KS3 lessons. The school has 32 seats of both notation software and Digital Audio Workstation software.
- To continue to embed Cultural Capital into the Music Curriculum. The Music Department is developing a culture in which the Western Classical Tradition is embraced and appreciated alongside world music and popular music.
- To further embed a knowledge of the wide variety of career opportunities that Music studies can provide.

Part B: Co-curricular music

At King Edward VI NSG, there is a diverse range of co-curricular music opportunities including mixed ensemble, school rock band, school choir, keyboard club, music appreciation club, music theory club, guitar & performance club, and Music Composition club for Year 8 and upwards. Fully funded Peripatetic music lessons in various instruments are also available, along with resources for home practice and encouragement to actively listen to a wide variety of music.

Potential next steps:

- The School choir has tripled in numbers over the last two years and now has over 20 members. The Music department aim to continue to grow the School Choir and give them opportunities to perform in other venues and in front of new audiences. The School Choir will also lead the introduction of the new School Anthem 'I will come to know'.
- After a successful trial run of 6 students passing their ABRSM Grade 1 in Music Theory in the 2023-2024 Academic Year, the Music department would like to double this number through two afterschool cohorts.
- Regular afterschool club attenders to be given reward trips to see live music.

Part C: Musical experiences

King Edward VI NSG currently offers musical experiences such as a Year 9 trip to the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, two music concerts per year, a biennial school production, and opportunities to view productions from other schools within the KEVI Foundation.

Potential next steps:

- To continue working with already established links such as the Birmingham Music Services and The King Edward VI Foundation to create an even broader range of opportunities for students to get involved in.
- KS4 students to see an Orchestral performance
- A rock band to perform for two year groups at the school in the Academic Year 2024-2025.

In the Future

Looking ahead, King Edward VI NSG aims to work with the Foundation to host music performances from external groups for every year group annually. They are also exploring the possibility of utilising the Year 7 trip day in September for Music workshops and performances.

Potential next steps:

- To record the School Anthem in a studio setting.
- The Music Department aim to set up a partnership with a local Music college to allow students to see potential career paths.