

# Music development plan summary: *Vyners School*

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024/2025
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Name of the school music lead	Dan Cullum
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Nicola Harvey
Name of local music hub	London West (Hillingdon)
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Possible Vanguard Learning Trust Music School

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.

From the 2024/2025 academic year, music will be taught to all students from Year 7 to Year 9 regardless of GCSE options and will work as a core subject within the curriculum. This means that all students will receive 1 hour a week solely devoted to musical education. This will also run alongside a Year 9 GCSE option group for students who express the want to carry on music after Year 9 into a full GCSE. These students will gain an extra hour a week devoted to their musical education. All topics and lessons are mapped out in our Curriculum map and include opportunities to perform, compose and analyse music through varying instruments, styles and creative technology. Our curriculum map can be found at the following link:

[Music Curriculum Map](#)

This document illustrates how we map our curriculum alongside the model music curriculum with links to foci such as careers, SEND and spiral learning.

In Years 10 and 11, we run GCSE Eduqas as our examining board as we feel it gives our students the ability to become excellent all round musicians and caters for all types of musicians and needs. Every student in the class will receive five hours a fortnight with a specialist music teacher learning the academic side of music which includes composition and theory. They will also be offered free 1 to 1 thirty minute instrumental lessons when learning through the school or local music hub to support their performing side of music. As with KS3 our full curriculum for GCSE can be found on our website using the same link.

In Years 12 and 13, we offer our students and other students within the Vanguard Learning Trust the opportunity to continue with their musical studies an A Level course again with Eduqas. Students will receive between 8 and 9 lessons a fortnight (depending on class size) with experienced specialist A Level teachers. As with GCSE students will be offered free 1 to 1 thirty minute instrumental lessons when learning through the school or local music hub to support their performing side of music. We have excellent connections with professional establishments throughout London including the Royal Opera House to promote the learning of our top level musicians.

## **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.

Vyners School has a wide array of opportunities for the students at our school. We currently over 200 students being taught by 11 peripatetic teachers working at the school teaching a vast compendium of instruments and styles as well as bring in their professional experiences from being Musical Director's on West End shows, backing vocals for the likes of Arianna Grande and playing at the Royal Albert Hall for the Proms. The lessons taught at all 1 to 1 lessons either taught privately or through the local music hub and will be either 20 or 30 minute lessons. To find out more information or to sign up to lessons parents should apply through the link below:

[Instrumental and Vocal Lesson Information and Sign Up Form](#)

Students can also supplement their learning outside of lesson time by attending one of our 11 co-curricular groups which are the following:

- Concert Band
- Swing Band
- Chamber Orchestra
- String Orchestra
- Woodwind Ensemble
- Brass Ensemble

- Function Band
- Production Band
- Choir
- Gospel Choir
- Rock Band

## 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.

Vyners provides lots of opportunities for our students including regular concerts and visits. These include large summer and Christmas concerts for all of our ensembles, joint concerts with our local trust schools lead by Vyners as well as providing musical items for various events throughout the year.

We run big musical theatre productions which include a 50 plus student cast, 20 plus student band and 20 plus student tech crew. Our recent productions have been Sister Act, Hairspray, Legally Blonde and Guys and Dolls.

We also have performed a number of times with professional ensembles including the Royal Opera House and the RAF Central Band and do regular rehearsal days which provide invaluable experience to our students. You can see samples of these in the links below:

[Vyners Music and RAF Central Band: Mt. Everest](#)

[Vyners Music and RAF Central Band: Fire in the Blood](#)

[Vyners Music and RAF Central Band: How to Train Your Dragon](#)

[Vyners Music and Friends of Vyners Music: Highland Cathedral](#)

[Vyners Music and Friends of Vyners Music: In the Stone](#)

[Vyners Musical Productions: So Much Better](#)

## In the Future

In the future, our plan is continue the great things that happen at Vyners School and reach outwards into the local educational community through providing lessons in schools which either don't currently have any or want to expand their provision, especially in primary education. After Covid, saw a huge decline of music provisions and

students wanting to learn instruments through the country and this has now started to impact us at Vyners and we want to stop that trend and bring back music into our local community.

## **Further information**

For any further information please do look on the schools website or contact the music department through the school office.