



Music development plan summary: John Henry Newman Academy

At John Henry Newman Academy, we are committed to delivering high-quality music education for all students, following the key features of the National Plan for Music Education. We implement the 'KAPOW! Music' programme, which focuses on **performing, composing, listening, and understanding the history and key elements of music** such as **pitch, rhythm, and dynamics**, through both **vocal and instrumental** work.

Key aspects of our music provision include:

- **Weekly Curriculum Music:** Timetabled lessons for at least one hour each week from Early Years to Year 6.
- **Instrumental and Vocal Lessons:** Access to lessons in a range of instruments and vocal training.
- **Choir and Vocal Ensemble:** Opportunities for students to join our school choir or vocal group.
- **School Ensembles:** A range of musical ensembles, bands, and groups for students to participate in.
- **Rehearsal Spaces:** Dedicated areas for rehearsals and individual practice.
- **School Performances:** A termly school performance showcasing students' musical achievements.
- **Live Performances:** Opportunities for students to experience live music performances at least once a year.

We are proud to partner with our local music hub, which supports us in providing comprehensive musical opportunities and experiences for our students. Our music development plan will continue to evolve to enrich our students' musical education in future years.

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	16.9.24
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Name of the school music lead	Liz Harman
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	N/A
Name of local music hub	Oxfordshire music hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

Part A: Curriculum music

At John Henry Newman Academy, we deliver a comprehensive music curriculum from **EYFS to Year 6**, with pupils receiving **one hour of music lessons each week**. Our music curriculum is informed by the **Model Music Curriculum (March 2021)** and is supported by the **Kapow Primary Music** programme. This ensures a balanced approach that includes performing, composing, listening, and musical theory, all in alignment with national guidelines.

Through **Kapow Primary Music**, all pupils have opportunities to:

- Learn to **sing** and **play instruments** during lesson time.
- Participate in whole-class ensemble teaching, ensuring musical experiences for every child.

We are committed to increasing access to music for **disabled pupils** and supporting those with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)**, ensuring that all students can fully engage with and benefit from our music programme.

We also collaborate with our **local music hub**, which enhances our provision and helps provide additional resources and opportunities for students.

For more details on our full music curriculum please visit our [Curriculum Information Page](#).

Part B: Extra-Curricular Music

At John Henry Newman Academy, pupils have the opportunity to sing a variety of songs during our weekly Singing Collective Worship, which encourages participation and vocal development. Each term, children can showcase what they have been learning in music lessons through performances in Celebration Worship, where they sing or perform for their peers, other classes, parents, or the whole school.

Part C: Musical Events and Performances

At John Henry Newman Academy, we hold a weekly **Singing Assembly** where children sing songs related to the Christian calendar and develop their musicality through harmonies, rounds, and songs chosen by the pupils. These songs are performed at our local church, fostering both spiritual and musical growth.

At **Christmas**, each class prepares carols for our family event, "**Carols Around the Christmas Tree**". Throughout the year, children also showcase what they've learned in their music curriculum, performing for parents, peers, or the whole school in **Celebration Worship**.

We are proud of our partnerships with **Exeter College** and **Magdalen College School**, which allow our pupils to attend concerts, play instruments, sing, and perform with their support.

In the future

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

At John Henry Newman Academy, we are committed to continually enhancing our music curriculum through the sustained use of **Kapow Primary Music**. This support helps us to develop our staff's passion for music and deepen their subject knowledge, ensuring high-quality music education for all our pupils. We also aim to build on our successful collaborations with **Magdalen College School**, **Exeter College**, and our local music hub to provide even more enriching musical opportunities.

Looking ahead, we plan to expand our provision by offering pupils more chances to **play instruments** and **sing in small groups or through one-to-one private tuition**, further supporting their musical growth and development.