

# Music development plan summary: Stanborough School

All schools should have a music development plan from academic year 2023-24. Schools are expected to publish a summary of their plan on their website from academic year 2024-25.

This template is designed to support schools to produce the summary. It should set out how the school will deliver high-quality music provision in curriculum music, co-curricular music and musical experiences, taking into account the key features in the [national plan for music education](#):

- timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week of the school year for key stages 1 to 3
- access to lessons across a range of instruments, and voice
- a school choir or vocal ensemble
- a school ensemble, band or group
- space for rehearsals and individual practice
- a termly school performance
- opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year

The summary should reflect your school's music provision for the given school year and your plans for subsequent years. It should also refer to any existing partnership with your local music hub or other music education organisations that supports the school with music provision.

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## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
Date this summary was published	June 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	June 2025
Name of the school music lead	Isabel Naylor
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jessica Vlijter
Name of local music hub	Mid Herts Music Centre
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**

Links to Music Curriculum

[Music – Stanborough School](#)

Model Music Curriculum

At Stanborough we follow a curriculum which broadly echoes that of the model music curriculum (March 2021) but is developed to include up to date changes in the industry, class sizes, teacher specialisms and equipment.

Our curriculum includes the following, which are mentioned specifically by the non-statutory guidance:

- 1 hour weekly lessons
- Singing
- Listening
- Composing
- Performing/Instrumental Performance
- Class instrumental ensembles
- Staff, Tab and graphic notation
- Song writing
- Programme Music
- Improvisation

Musical Opportunities in class at Stanborough School

- In class keyboard/piano lessons throughout Y7-9
- In class opportunities to try other instruments including drums, guitar, bass and ukulele.

These opportunities for performance and instrumental/vocal work happen almost every lesson on either solo, pair or group bases. Pupils are either directed using sheet music, asked to build on a stimulus of a short melody or chords, taught in one large group or rehearsed independently in small groups using practice rooms.

### Musical Partnerships

- Links with Mid Herts Music Centre and the Hertfordshire Music Service. Our student instrumentalists attend events such as the woodwind day at our local centre. Instrumental teachers are employed through the Music Service.

### Further Qualifications

- GCSE Music (OCR)
- A-Level Music (Edexcel) - Consortium
- A-Level Music Technology from 2025.
- BTEC Music Performance – Consortium
- Graded Music exams with Trinity, ABRSM and RockSchool

## Part B: Co-curricular music

### Music Tuition and clubs

- One-to-one lessons of 20 or 30 minutes taught in a range of instruments.
  - Voice
  - Guitar
  - Drums
  - Bass Guitar
  - Trumpet
  - Piano
  - Violin
  - Lessons are offered at a 50% subsidy if students study Music at KS4 or 5
  - Depending on circumstances, lessons are funded by school when necessary. This is on a pupil by pupil basis.
  - Clubs are run by either curriculum teachers or, in the case of specialist instruction, they are funded by the school. No cost to parents/carers.
- Chorus (school choir)
- Ukulele Group
- Guitar Group
- Keyboard Group
- Band Rehearsals
- Music Technology Group
- Sound and Lighting Group

Instrumental lessons can be applied for via the Hertfordshire Music Service portal. This link is found on our Music webpage, along with information on fees, available instruments etc. Clubs can be joined by any student and registers are kept and updated.

We have several rehearsal spaces:

- 6 Practice rooms
- 1 Studio
- 1 Ensemble room
- 2 Classrooms which are used for clubs and teacher lead groups

## **Part C: Musical experiences**

In school performance opportunities (annual events)

- Rock and Pop Evening (School Concert)
- House Music
- House Drama
- StanFest (Music Festival)
- Piano Masterclass by Nic Robinson

External events

- Orchestral performance for GCSE Music students

### Rock and Pop

This event takes place in November and is an informal evening for students to perform pieces in Rock or Pop styles. Any instrument is welcome and we often have interesting combinations such as a rock band with a violin melody. Students are invited to audition for this event, encouraging those of all ages and abilities. We recognise that all standards of playing should be celebrated so long as the performance is largely accurate, confident and the student/s will achieve a positive experience. In situations where we feel a student is not ready for a live performance, we will work with them to support their enthusiasm and desire to participate and help them to prepare a piece for the next event.

### House Music

This event is led by KS5 students. We have 4 houses all of which must decide on and prepare 3 performances; Choral, Instrumental and Free Choice.

We encourage students of all ages to participate in House Music and we often find it leads to students being more confident in their performance skills and becoming more involved in music as a whole.

### House Drama

Although this is a Drama event led by students, it sometimes includes musicians – mainly singing. All students are invited to participate in this event.

### StanFest

This is an outdoor festival in July which includes performances from Year 7 to Year 13. Quite often Year 11 and Year 13 students will return to participate.

StanFest features a range of performances in all musical styles. Students are invited to audition in a similar manner to Rock and Pop.

### Piano Masterclass

Nic Robinson offers a free masterclass via Zoom to 3-5 students who have a passion for the piano. They prepare and perform a piece for him and he then works with them to develop their performances.

### SaLT

The Sound and Lighting Team at Stanborough are involved in all performance events across the school year.

## **In the future**

### Music Technology

We are upgrading one classroom from PCs to iMacs with a view to offering Logic as a DAW option alongside Garageband and Sibelius. This will enable us to offer the Music Technology A-Level from September 2025

### Live Music

We are looking into additional opportunities for students to experience music outside of school in KS3.

### Instrumental Lessons

We are expanding the current offering of musical instruments for individual tuition to include a wider range of instruments.

### Additional Clubs

We will be adding a Brass/Wind group and a Music Theory Club from September 2024.

## **Further information (optional)**