



Music Development Plan: Deptford Green School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025/2026
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Name of the school Music Lead	Tara Daszek Green (Head of Department)
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Jamie Heelbeck – Head of Performing Arts Ian Paish – Deputy Headteacher
Name of local music hub	Lewisham
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Trinity Laban

This is a summary of how our school delivers Music education to all our students 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 students and parents or carers understand what our school offers and who we work with to support our students' 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 students can achieve.

At Deptford Green School, Music is taught as part of a broad and balanced curriculum for all students.

- Key Stage 3 students receive at least one hour of timetabled music per week throughout the academic year. In Year 9 this is delivered as part of our dynamic Discovery Day model, where students have their arts lessons on one day.
- The curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (2021) and focuses on developing students' skills in performing, composing, listening and evaluating, alongside music literacy.
- Students regularly learn to sing and perform on instruments during lesson time through whole-class and small-group practical music-making.
- Schemes of work include a wide range of musical styles, genres and traditions to ensure inclusivity and cultural breadth.
- Lessons are adapted to ensure full access for students with SEND, with inclusive classroom strategies, adaptive instruments and differentiated outcomes.
- We have just installed a new Suite of Macs with the latest, industry professional software.
- We have a live recording studio that students can use to enhance their work and compositions.
- We have fully furnished music practice rooms.

The full music curriculum for each year group, including SEND provision, can be found on the school website in the curriculum area.

Qualifications

- GCSE Music is offered at Key Stage 4.
- Opportunities to take graded Music exams are supported where appropriate, in partnership with instrumental tutors.

Part B: Co-curricular music

This is about opportunities for students to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and bands, and how students can make progress in Music beyond the core curriculum.

Deptford Green School provides a range of opportunities for students to continue making progress in Music beyond lesson time.

Music Tuition

Deptford Green School is committed to ensuring that high-quality music education remains accessible to all students, free of charge.

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations, we have launched the Sir Keith Ajegbo Fund. Through this fund, we are able to fully subsidise music tuition and continue offering instrumental and vocal lessons without introducing charges to families.

Provision

- Students are entitled to learn **one instrument** and attend **one vocal session per week**.
- **Student Premium students** will be prioritised to ensure equality of access.
- Students studying **GCSE Music** will receive mandatory free music tuition.
- Students participating in **bands, ensembles, or school productions** will also be prioritised.
- All students receiving music tuition are expected to perform at a school event, such as an Open Mic session (where musicians perform to each other) or one of our public-facing events.

Our Commitment

The Sir Keith Ajegbo Fund honours the legacy of Sir Keith Ajegbo, Deptford Green's second and longest-serving Headteacher. His leadership established the foundations upon which the school continues to build and grow.

The fund exists to:

- Promote equality of opportunity
- Remove social and academic barriers
- Create an environment in which every student can thrive

Through this initiative, Deptford Green reaffirms its belief that music education is not an optional extra, but an essential component of a broad and ambitious curriculum.

- Instruments offered typically include keyboard, guitar, drums, voice and selected orchestral instruments, subject to demand.

Ensembles and Groups

- Students can take part in:
 - **School Choir / Vocal Ensemble**
 - **Band and instrumental ensembles**

- **Open Mic Events**
- **Bites and Beats**
- **Concerts and Showcases**
- **Weekly Jazz Band**
- These groups are open to students from Key Stage 3 upwards and rehearse regularly.
- Rehearsal spaces and supervised practice rooms are available before, during and after the school day.

Progression

- Students are supported with instrument loans where available.
- Progression routes are signposted to students in various ways, including through Careers events as part of our Discovery Days and through visiting artists and musicians.

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.

- Musical experiences are a key part of school life at Deptford Green School.
- Regular singing takes place in assemblies and school events.
- At least one major performance per term, including concerts, showcases or productions.
- Regular opportunities for students to attend live music performances, either in school or through organised trips.
- Performances are inclusive, with opportunities for students to participate as performers, technicians or audience members.
- Events are free or subsidised, with financial support available where needed, including for Student Premium students.
- These experiences are supported through partnerships with Trinity Laban, visiting musicians and local arts organisations.
- Band Practice with music tutors leads to a Battle of the Bands performance, the winning band receive an opportunity to work in a professional recording studio.

In the future

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

- Over the coming years, Deptford Green School aims to:
- Expand the range of instruments in musical tuition to include Steel Pans.
- Develop and embed our 'Battle of the Bands' event.
- Increase opportunities for termly performances involving a wider range of students, through Open Mic and Bites and Beats.
- Develop further links with professional musicians and music organisations.
- Continue reviewing provision to ensure equity, inclusion and high musical standards.
- These developments align with the seven features of high-quality music provision outlined in the National Plan for Music Education.

Links to other documents

- [The Sir Keith Ajegbo Fund](#)
- [Music Curriculum](#)
- [Discovery Days](#)