

# Music development plan summary: Nottingham University Samworth Academy

## Overview:

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 - 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Benjamin Sharpe
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Claire Backhouse
Name of local music hub	Nottingham Music Tuition Ltd.

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.

Our Music curriculum here at NUSA is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (March, 2021) ([MMC](#)). During curriculum Music lessons, all KS3 students will receive 1 hour per week of engaging and thought-provoking tuition where they will have the opportunity to embrace the 3 strands that are assessed throughout KS3 and KS4; Performance, Composition, and Listening and Appraisal.

During timetabled curriculum, students at NUSA will have the opportunity to learn and perform weekly across a vast array of instruments including (but not limited to) the Keyboard, Ukelele, guitar, voice, and percussion. This will be through both ensemble, and solo performance across the entirety of KS3.

The Music department at NUSA is closely partnered with the local Music hub [Nottingham Music Tuition Ltd.](#)

As a school, this academic year (2024-2025) we will be offering instrumental tuition across multiple different instruments at a discounted price for our students.

Instrumental tuition is offered across the following instruments:

- Piano
- Violin
- Guitar (Acoustic/Bass/Electric)
- Drum kit (Percussion)

Our instrumental tutors are observed regularly by both NUSA staff, and NMT staff to ensure the highest quality teaching and standards are maintained throughout. Our specialist instrumental tutors also offer our students the opportunity to undertake graded Music examinations should they wish to gain the additional qualification. These qualifications can additionally contribute UCAS points towards applying to universities at Post-18.

## 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.

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Outside of timetabled lesson time, we currently offer a Music club afterschool on a Wednesday, and we have multiple small ensembles beginning to form. Of both a Classical nature, and of a Pop/Rock nature.

Students at NUSA can also utilise our practice spaces which includes; the main Music room, 2 practice rooms, and an additional room when it is staffed.

## 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.

This academic year (2024/25), both our Music department and Drama department have planned to work collaboratively on ensuring that NUSA will have a school Musical. The intention is to provide additional performance opportunities for a Live band/sound and acting where our students will deliver a performance. Achievement evenings/Open evenings will be supported by live Musicians and our Music ambassadors to promote a Musical culture across the school and within our local community.

Auditions for any shows we intend to put on throughout the year will take place as soon as planning has been finalised to provide our students with the timescale required to rehearse both solo, and as part of a wider ensemble.

Our NMT musicians will have the opportunity to support our school through rehearsals with any young musicians wishing to undertake instrumental tuition.

## In the future

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

Looking into the future for Music at NUSA, we aim to expand our provision to be able to offer additional ensembles to promote a more positive culture of the Arts across the school and within the local community.

The expansion of instrumental lessons, is of paramount importance for the Music department over the coming years. This will support and foster instrumental proficiency

for our Music students and provide them with the accountability for their own practice, which will develop fastidious, emotion-evoking routines and performances.