

Music development plan summary: Priory Ruskin Academy 2026-27

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
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Name of the academy music lead	Miss A M Haywood
Name of academy leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs C Bains
Name of local music hub	Lincolnshire Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This is a summary of how our academy delivers music education to all our students across three areas – curriculum music, extra-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 academy 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 our students can achieve.

In Key Stage 3, every student receives one hour of Performing Arts & Music every week throughout terms 1-6 for every class in Year 7-9.

Every class in Key Stage 3 receives one term of Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (WCET) delivered by Lincolnshire Music Service (LMS) which focuses on cultural music traditions from around the world. In Year 7 students learn to play rhythmic Samba instruments from Brazil. In Year 8 they progress onto a melodic instrument, Steel Pans from the Caribbean, and in Year 9, students learn to play harmonic structures such as chords through learning to play the Ukulele, originally from Portugal and more recently associated with Hawaii.

In addition to WCET, students have the opportunity to sing songs from a variety of genres including pop & rock music, musical theatre and African music. They play a variety of musical instruments including keyboards, djembes, glockenspiels and

percussion instruments, referencing a range of composers including Tchaikovsky, Andrew Lloyd-Webber, Leonard Bernstein, Lebo M, Rod Temperton, John Williams, Hans Zimmer and Alan Silvestri. Students are also encouraged to bring their own instruments in to play in class as an alternative to the classroom instruments wherever possible.

Key Stage 3 Curriculum maps have music content embedded into each scheme of work including performing, composing, listening and understanding which is combined with dance and drama to encourage student engagement and support our KS4 curriculum as well as reflecting the industry in the 21st century that requires performers to be more versatile than has traditionally been the case.

At Key Stage 4, students can opt for a BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts in Musical Theatre alongside Drama and Dance students. Students have 5 hours per fortnight in Year 10 and 3 hours per week in Year 11 and are required to study a professional musical (Mamma Mia) and perform a piece of professional repertoire from a musical as part of their course.

This continues to Key Stage 5 where Musical Theatre students can opt for a BTEC National Foundation Diploma in Performing Arts alongside Drama and Dance students. Students have 5 hours teaching per week and 3 hours of study periods per subject and are required to perform in a musical such as Guys and Dolls, Aladdin, Little Shop of Horrors or Mamma Mia as part of their course.

[PowerPoint Presentation](#) ([Link to Performing Arts & Music Curriculum Overview](#))

In addition, all Key Stage 5 students have the opportunity to participate in musical activities as part of the Enrichment programme, either through providing a space for individual practise or through organised activities delivered by staff including steel pans, singing, keyboard, ukulele and soundscape.

Since 2023, the Priory Ruskin Academy has been designated a Music Mark School by the UK Association for Music Education in recognition of a commitment to providing a high-quality music education for all children and young people.

Part B: Extra-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.

Music tuition:

In partnership with Lincolnshire Music Service (LMS) we offer singing and instrumental tuition outside of lesson time, including one-to-one and small-group tuition for a wide range of musical instruments or voice. Students can also work towards graded ABRSM

music qualifications (or similar) with their tutor. This should be booked directly with LMS using the following weblink which also includes pricing information:

[Learn An Instrument - Lincolnshire Music Service](#)

We also offer one-to one vocal tuition in Pop, Rock and Musical Theatre delivered at the academy by Hayley Chapman from Rock Vox Academy Music and Drama Studios. Students can work towards graded Trinity College London music qualifications in Musical Theatre or Pop Music. This should be booked directly with Hayley at Rock Vox using the link below which also includes pricing information:

www.rockvoxacademy.com

Children in Care and Pupil Premium students may be eligible for part funding for tuition from LMS. Mrs R Lett (IDEAL Officer) or Mrs K Simpson (Pupil Premium) can assist with this. Please see link below for further details:

[Financial Support - Lincolnshire Music Service](#)

Music Ensembles:

Our students can also access group ensembles at Grantham Music Centre on Wednesday evenings after school including a String Orchestra, a Wind Band and The Big Band (see link below). These ensembles provide a basis for progressing onto the Lincolnshire Youth String Orchestra or the Lincolnshire Youth Wind Orchestra which are the County wide groups for our most advanced musicians. There is also a beginner level ensemble 'Mash-up' for our students who have enjoyed the WCET programme delivered in curriculum time at Ruskin and would like to continue to play in an ensemble. More information about these ensembles including times of sessions is provided on the LMS website (see link below).

[Grantham Music Centre - Lincolnshire Music Service](#)

In addition, we have a Musical Theatre vocal ensemble every Tuesday evening after academy at The Priory Ruskin Academy from 3.30pm - 4.15pm where students can come along and sing hits from the shows and also develop their musical theatre performance skills through workshops and performances.

Students can also access our practise rooms at break, lunch and before or after school for individual practise on their own instrument. A drum kit and a digital piano are also available. Space can also be made available for students wishing to form rock bands or other ensembles to rehearse outside of curriculum time.

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.

Throughout the year, various musical experiences take place including theatre trips, live performances to parents and professional workshops (see below). Specific details are sent to parents via Parentmail. Students are also given the opportunity to perform in end of term assemblies, house competitions and charity events throughout the year.

Term 1

- Lincolnshire Music Service assembly – information regarding instrumental and vocal tuition with LMS including live musical demonstrations (when possible)
- Singstation – Singing project with Primary academies and Year 7 students in partnership with LMS

Term 2

- Halloween Karaoke
- Year 7 Pantomime trip Grantham Guildhall
- Year 8 trip to West End – MJ The Musical
- Year 12 Theatre trip to Hamilton
- Ruskin Musical Theatre Performance at Eurodisney
- Christmas Karaoke
- End of Term assembly performance

Term 3

- Year 10 Trip to West End to see Mamma Mia live musical theatre performance with live orchestra
- Year 12 theatre trip to London
- Ruskin's Got Talent House Competition

Term 4

- Extra-curricular Showcase – live performance for parents of students who attend Drama, Musical Theatre, Dance and Music clubs as well as students receiving instrumental or vocal tuition
- End of Term assembly performance

Term 5

- Year 12 theatre trip to London

Term 6

- Year 12 Musical Theatre students' performance to Year 10 and Musical Theatre club members
- Year 9 Harry Potter Experience trip
- Creative Day – live professional Rock duo 'Under the Covers' performance and live performances from Ruskin students at the 'music festival on the field' for all Year groups
- End of Term assembly performance

In the future

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

Plans to explore options to expand our Key Stage 4 offer to include Music (dependent on sufficient numbers for the course to run).

Plans to expand our Extra-curricular offer to include instrumental music focused on developing skills acquired through the WCET programme as well as keyboard.

Further information

Link to our music hub:

[Welcome To Lincolnshire Music Service](#) 

Link to our Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Framework

[Whole School SEND NEW.pptx](#)