

Music development plan summary: Bloxwich Academy Primary

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	M Whitter
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Walsall Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Forest Arts Walsall Music Services

This is a summary of how our school delivers music education to all our pupils across three areas: music curriculum; 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.

All KS1 & KS2 students at Bloxwich Academy receive one hour of Music per week and follow the National Curriculum. Further details on the website are here:

<https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Music-LTP.pdf>

Throughout their journey at Bloxwich Academy (primary), students will be exposed to many different instruments: clarinets, trombones, trumpets, keyboards and a range of percussion instruments. Students in years four and five have a specialist teacher come into school for their lessons. In years four and five, students choose an instrument to learn over a two-year period (clarinet, trumpet or trombone) and are given the option to take these home to practise further.

Students explore a wide range of musical styles, from contemporary children's music and world genres in the early years to rock, pop, and jazz as they progress. They develop instrumental skills, particularly in brass from Year 4 onwards, while engaging

with classic and modern hits. By Year 6, students have experienced diverse genres, including jazz and classical, culminating in a reflective consolidation of their musical journey.

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.

Alternative titles for Part B could be 'Extra-curricular music' or 'Music tuition, choirs and ensembles'.

At Bloxwich Academy, there is a developing choir which was formed in 2025. Through a weekly lunchtime club, students develop their skills as a group. The students have taken part in the 'Young Voices' concert for the past three years, performing at the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham. On top of this, the choir have also performed to the local community and local care homes for special occasions, such as Christmas.

Students in Year 6 are offered the chance to continue with their brass instrument learning from years four and five. This is provided in the form of an extra-curricular club delivered by a music specialist. Through this, a 'brass ensemble' was formed and the students have performed as a group at various shows and concerts for parents.

Students in UKS2 are offered an extra-curricular Music Technology programme. Students here learn about the theory behind music production and have access to DJ equipment to take their musical journey further.

Each year, the school hosts two musical showcases: an EYFS nativity and an end-of-year production in year 6. Pupils audition for roles in the year 6 production. Alongside this, all students in KS1 and KS2 host a 'Christmas Carol Concert' for parents/carers to attend: an opportunity for all students to perform in front of an audience.

Trust wide, we audition pupils to compete against other students across the Matrix schools with the chance to perform at the Trust Awards at the ICC. Auditions are open to all students in all disciplines; on securing a place in the final performances, students are allocated rehearsal time on the extracurricular timetable.

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.

Alternative titles for Part C could be 'Musical events' or 'Musical performances'.

There are a wide range of musical experiences available to students at Bloxwich Academy. All students in all years are welcome to perform at the events listed; some events require an audition to take part. Where events are ticketed, there is a concessions option available for all students.

Bloxwich Academy Performance Events 2024-25

- Young Voices January 2026 – Free for students. Parent tickets are available.
- Jenna House Care Home Concert – December – Year 2 - Free.
- Matrix Trust Performing Arts Showcase – Summer 2026 TBC. Students selected to perform and students performing are also in the audience. Free.
- Christmas Carol Concerts Dec 15th & 16th 2025 – musical performances to an audience of students, parents & carers in all years.
- Matrix Trust Student Awards night – Millennium Point Summer 2026 TBC – students selected by audition to perform and performers and parents invited to watch. Free.
- Bloxwich's Got Talent Summer 2026 – students audition and work through different phases to perform in the final. Whole-school event.

In the future

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

The aims are:

- To maintain the musical events already established as annual events.
- To develop the school choir.