

# Maidenhill School Music Development Plan

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024- 25
Date this summary was published	September 2024
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	D Ball
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	S Martin
Name of local music hub	Gloucestershire, Swindon and Wiltshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

***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.***

At Maidenhill School we offer a fully inclusive music curriculum where students study music for one hour per week (two hours per fortnight) in KS3 in mixed ability classes. Our KS3 music curriculum is informed by the Model Music Curriculum (MMC) but this isn't followed exclusively.

During KS3 students have the opportunity to learn to play the ukulele progressing to the guitar, bass guitar, keyboard skills and using music technology which is embedded within our curriculum. Students also get the opportunity to sing on a regular basis.

Students participate in whole class sessions which in turn leads to small group band work combining keyboard, ukulele, guitar and drumming skills.

Throughout KS3 students access music technology using Logic Pro and Ableton to explore composition using technology as well as music production, sampling and arranging.

Students who choose to study music at KS4 as an option follow Eduqas GCSE Music with some students studying music technology as part of this course for five hours per fortnight.

The school works closely with other local schools and the music hub to provide opportunities for students.

Through extra music lessons students have the opportunity study additional qualifications through graded music exams provided by ABRSM, Rock School and Trinity.

## **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.***

At Maidenhill School students have the opportunity to have one-to-one music tuition. The school currently offers lessons in Electric guitar, Acoustic guitar, Bass guitar, Drum Kit, Piano, Violin, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute and Vocals. These lessons take place during the school day and are provided by private tutors. There is a charge for these lessons. Pupil Premium funding is available to support students to access these lessons and bursaries from the local music hub are also available to support lessons.

The school loans instruments on a short-term basis to enable students to access these lessons. Instruments are also available for hire via the local music hub.

### **Extra-curricular Music**

At Maidenhill students have the opportunity to take part in vocal groups (year 7 and whole school), a samba band, pop/rock bands (student led) and access to music technology. Students are able to use practice rooms during break/lunch and afterschool to rehearse for lessons or concerts. Students are able to access all instruments within the department to assist in these sessions.

Maidenhill holds two Performing Arts showcases each year and a school production/play. Year 7's get the opportunity to participate in a school production when they arrive in term two also.

Maidenhill collaborates with a music project called 'Bandit music workshops' twice a year which is held during half terms. Students are able to participate in this songwriting project which results in a concert in a professional venue.

## 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.***

Maidenhill provides a number of opportunities for students to experience live music. We provide opportunities in each year group for students to visit live theatre performances across the local area. We also provide an opportunity each year for students to travel to London to see a production in the West end.

Students have opportunities to perform at our winter and summer showcase every year with students also having the opportunity to participate in whole school musical productions.

Students share their classwork on a lesson by lesson basis and are encouraged to perform as part of the curriculum across all key stages.

The school has participated at the BBC School proms a number of times and students have also performed in local talent/music festivals such as 'The Cheltenham festival of Performing Arts'.

All performance opportunities at Maidenhill are free of charge and students are encouraged to participate.

## In the future

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

At Maidenhill we hope to expand the opportunities for students to learn to play a musical instrument or sing by accessing more pupil premium funding and also by introducing more taster sessions provided by our visiting music teachers.

Opportunities for performance are also being increased with student leaders taking responsibility to plan and produce further events within the school calendar.