

Music development plan summary: Saint John Houghton Catholic Voluntary Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	Daniel Quenby
Name of local music hub	Derbyshire Music Hub

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

Music is an important part of our Curriculum at Saint John Houghton is compulsory in Key Stage 3. All students will Perform, Compose and Appraise different genres of music as well as work towards a greater understanding of music theory.

All Students will have to opportunity to experience Music from all around the world and compare styles, themes and different elements. From Bhangra Music from the Punjab to Reggae Music from Jamaica – students will be able to learn about common rhythmic patterns, features specific to the genre and have a hands-on experience with many different musical instruments.

At Saint John Houghton students will also study topics such as film music and song writing to really explore individual creativity. Composition projects allow students to understand emotion and how different music can impact our thoughts and feelings. Song writing and Composition is also a very lucrative areas of the music industry.

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2023/10/SJH-music-map.pdf>

Performing opportunities take place both inside and outside the classroom.

Compulsory performances are required throughout Key Stage 3 on a range of musical instruments as well as Liturgies and musical shows that all students are encouraged to take part in. There are also extra-curricular groups such as the choir that offer a range of performing opportunities.

At GCSE we follow the OCR specification which continues from the core projects of the Key Stage 3 content. Keywords are developed as well as the musical ability to develop learnt skills, to create two practical portfolios which include Performing and Compositions. There is also a summative exam, which brings together the key listening and appraising skills developed over five years.

Key Stage 3 students receive two hours of classroom music per fortnight. Students in Key Stage 4 receive five hours per fortnight.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

There are many extra-curricular options at Saint John Houghton. There are peripatetic teachers that offer a range of instrument tuition outside of classroom lessons. Saint John Houghton can offer – Guitar, Drums, Violin, Viola, flute, Clarinet and Saxophone lessons that take place are conducted during school hours. There is an additional cost to each lesson but can be subsidised by the Derbyshire Music Hub. Students who Pupil Premium can also ask school about additional funding.

<https://www.derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/get-involved/learning-an-instrument/learning-to-play-an-instrument.aspx>

Students at Saint John Houghton are invited to take part in the school choir. The Choir meet weekly and is attended by students from years 7 – 11. The choir lead the music in Masses and Liturgies that take part throughout the Academic year.

Part C: Musical experiences

Saint John Houghton has several private rooms which are available to be used with advanced notice. Students are encouraged to practise their instruments for graded awards or rehearse ensemble work for future assessments. There is also a studio with equipment to record work. This is used primarily for GCSE students to submit coursework but has been used as an extra provision for Key Stage 3 students.

There are also whole-school performances in which all students are encouraged to take part in all aspects of Performing Arts. Parents and carers are invited into school to see their child take part in a performance they have rehearsed and to celebrate their successes and talents.

We also arrange extracurricular trips for GCSE students to experience professional performance. We are situated between Nottingham and Derby which have a wide range of music venues and theatres to allow students to experience the professional culture of entertainment.

In the future

The Music department at Saint John Houghton is popular and safe place for students. Moving forward we would like to offer a greater choice of peripatetic lessons such as the Piano and vocal coaching.

We would also like to uptake of GCSE students to increase. Music GCSE results are well above National averages and we are striving to encourage more students to take the subject at GCSE.

The music department is also starting to plan along side other departments such as Drama and English. This will allow for cross curricular lessons to be conducted with the aim of offering a Performing Arts qualification as well as Music in the future.

Further information

Derbyshire Music Hub - <https://www.derbyshiremusichub.org.uk/home.aspx>

Saint John Houghton Subjects -

<https://www.stjohnhoughtonilkeston.srscmat.co.uk/curriculum/subjects/#1635954992354-7e65d79a-b519>

National Plan for Music -

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7af6c240f0b66a2fc04178/DFE-00086-2011.pdf>

National Curriculum KS3 -

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a7c869440f0b62aff6c2499/SECONDARY_national_curriculum_-_Music.pdf