

# Music development plan summary: The Parkgate Academy

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 – 2026
Date this summary was published	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Rosalind Howard
Name of local music hub	Nottinghamshire Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Inspire Music

## Part A: Curriculum music

At The Parkgate Academy we use the Collins Music Express Scheme of work to plan, teach and deliver Music across the school. Music Express is a complete and holistic music scheme. It offers a broad, deep, meaningful and practical experience for musically rich teaching and learning, in line with the statutory National Curriculum for KS1 and KS2. The scheme also mirrors and covers the intentions of the new, non-statutory Model Music Curriculum (MMC). Music Express will help children to find their voice, keep it healthy and express themselves with increasing accuracy and control. A diverse range of musical traditions and a deep understanding of the inter-related dimensions are explored continually through the units. Complexity progresses with extended range and phrasing, partsongs, harmonies and performance skills. Music Express places strong emphasis on listening skills as crucial to the understanding, interpretation, and life-long love of music. Styles range from early music, classical and modern orchestral tracks to folk, jazz, pop, rock and numerous other traditions. Music from many different countries is embedded as the focus or stimulus for multiple units in each year of study 2 Music Express quickly enables children to experiment, arrange, improvise and compose. These skills are carefully supported, and each aspect of the inter-related dimensions is explored. Melody, harmony, textures and structures are gradually introduced in a variety of contexts and traditions to instil confidence and enjoyment within meaningful experiences. Children have opportunity to play a variety of untuned percussion and some tuned percussion. Music Express encourages performance from the very beginning. Musicianship is developed in key areas such as accuracy, expression and ensemble awareness. Each year group has several opportunities to perform musical items from diverse and exciting resources. Children

will increasingly make plans and decisions about performance content with options available to perform their own compositions and arrangements. In Years 1-6 each class has a timetabled curriculum music lesson of at least one hour each week. In Foundation music is taught weekly. Children have opportunity to sing Rhymes and Songs daily and have access to music instruments in the continuous provision. Children with SEND & Disabilities are included in each weekly music lesson.

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## **Part B: Co-curricular music.**

The Parkgate Academy offers a free weekly afterschool Choir Club which is open for children from Year 2-6.

The Inspire Nottinghamshire Music Hub also provides a term of instrumental tuition for one year group each term.

## **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.

The children at The Parkgate Academy all have the opportunity to take part and perform in an annual show with their Year Group over the year. These performances take place in the school hall and children perform to other children, family members and invited guests. The School Choir have opportunity to sing at school events e.g. school assemblies and school fairs. They also have sung in the wider community e.g. Christmas Lights Switch On. All children have the opportunity to part of an audience to watch a live Pantomime Show at Christmas time.

## **In the future**

- Take part in choir performances with other schools within the Forge Trust.
- Opportunities for performances within the wider community.
- 1:1 Pupil Premium instrument lessons

## Further information (optional)

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school. Link for Inspire Nottinghamshire Music Hub :  
<https://www.inspireculture.org.uk/services-schools/nottinghamshire-music-hub>