

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024-2025
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Name of the school music lead	Mr C Western
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr A Bennett
Name of local music hub	The Love Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

This information shows how our school delivers music education to all our students across three areas – Curriculum Music, Extra-Curricular provision and Musical Experiences.

This information is to help students, parents or carers understand what Poynton High School offers and who we work with to support our students' music education.

Part A: Curriculum Music

This section is all about what we teach in lesson time, how much time is spent teaching music and any music qualifications or awards that students can achieve here at Poynton High School.

Our music curriculum provides students with a balanced and comprehensive musical education during class time. This includes the structure of our curriculum, the time set aside for music lessons, and the qualifications and awards available to students.

Links to the school curriculum

Our music curriculum for each year group can be accessed through the following link:

Time allocation for Curriculum Music

Our KS3 students receive two periods of Music each fortnight. The majority of classes use both the Performance Classroom and the Technology Classroom to ensure they have a well balanced rounded education in both areas.

Students in all Key Stages benefit from whole-class ensemble tasks, smaller ensemble tasks and individual tasks during each lesson. There is an emphasis on learning about technology music - sequencing and recording instrumental and vocal music. This approach allows students to develop a diverse set of musical skills while also encouraging collaborative learning.

Information on Partnerships for Curriculum Music

We have a strong partnership with the local music hub - "The Love Music Trust" It is an excellent partnership to have as they provide support for our curriculum, opportunities to apply for grants, workshops, concerts and professional competitions for our students to take part in. These competitions can be both local and national.

Music Qualifications and Awards

At Key Stage 4 and 5, our students study AQA GCSE Music and AQA A Level Music. These courses both offer pathways in "Performance", "Composition" (with technology), and "Listening" with a range of musical interests and career goals.

Part B: Co-Curricular

This is about opportunities for students to sing and play music, outside of lesson time, including choirs, ensembles and as a soloist, and how students can make progress in music beyond the core curriculum.

Music Tuition Offered

We provide individual (1:1) and paired lessons to students who want personalised teaching. The cost of a 30 minute lesson is approximately £17.

Ensembles Available

Poynton High School has many very successful ensembles:

Music Academy - (Students in Year 3 - Year 6) our local feeder schools can perform in Junior and Senior String Ensembles, and a Vocal Ensemble.

Sing 7 - (Year 7 Vocal Ensemble)

Sing 8 - (Year 8 Vocal Ensemble)

Senior Choir - (Year 9 - Year 13 Large Vocal Ensemble)

Concert band - (Year 7 -13 - School Concert Band - all instrumentalists are included)

Junior Rock Bands - (Year 7-9)

All of the ensembles and soloists have the opportunity to showcase their hard work and musical development in our seasonal concerts throughout the year.

Progress Opportunities in Music

To help students along their musical journey, we provide cheap instrumental hire through the school and our local music hub The Love Music Trust, for the duration of their lessons. This ensures that all students have access to the necessary tools for practising and improving their skills.

Instrumental lessons offered:

Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Trumpet, Cornet, Trombone, Tuba, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Drums, Guitar, Electric Guitar and Bass Guitar.

Tuition costs approximately £17 for a thirty minute lesson. Some teachers will offer shorter lessons and paired (two students at the same time) lessons.

Rehearsal and Practice Spaces

Our Music Department has three practice rooms for instrumental tuition, three studios equipped with iMac and PC's for recording audio and electronic instruments and two drum rooms. We have two main classrooms - one large performance space with stage and one technology room with PC's accessing software such as SoundTrap and Sibelius. These spaces are designed to help students make good progress as a soloist or ensemble in both curricular and extra curricular. We have a large school hall for our music concerts and school show which can accommodate large audiences.

Partnerships for Co-Curricular Music

The department works within the community throughout the academic year in many shapes and sizes. Selected students from Sing 7, Sing 8 and Senior Choir are involved in a project which works with adults living with dementia. They perform songs old and new to a welcoming excited audience which give joy and bring back memories through music where others can't. A staff member of the Music Department runs a weekly choir with the same group of adults suffering with dementia and they showcase their talents in a concert in the community for the public to attend. Concert Band supports our feeder primary schools with their school fetes usually during the summer term and supporting their concerts when needed.

Furthermore, this year we will be setting up the PHS Primary Music Forum, collaborating closely to ensure a seamless transition from primary to

secondary music education, ensuring continuity and progression in our students' musical journeys.

Part C: Musical Experiences

This is about all the other musical events and opportunities that we organise, such as singing in staff briefings, musical workshops, concerts and shows, musical trips and trips to professional concerts.

At Poynton High School, we offer a variety of musical events and opportunities in addition to our regular music curriculum. These experiences are intended to enrich students' musical education and include performances, concerts, and trips to professional concerts.

Planned Musical Experiences

Our musical plans for the year include - performances at the Certificate Evenings, Open Evenings, GCSE and A Level Music informal concerts with parents, Clonter Opera workshops with a concert to follow, Music Academy Christmas, Easter and Summer Concerts featuring all ensembles from the department including soloists. To finish the school year (where we reflect as a school, looking back at all the students' achievements), our school concert band perform to the whole school along with our young rock groups, instrumentalists and vocalists. We are always very proud of our students who are brave enough to perform in front of their peers. Furthermore, we are currently working on our production "Away With Me" which promises to be the highlight of next year.

Participation and Audience Details

Participation in these musical events is entirely voluntary. Students sign up with their performance already prepared or they perform in one of the establish ensembles where our dedicated staff help them fine-tune their performance during weekly rehearsals so they are ready for the stage. This process not only improves their musical abilities, but also boosts their confidence and enhances many of their social skills, and stage presence. The performances are usually sold out. We are very grateful for current and former staff who attend the rehearsals and concerts and support all that we do to put on the events.

Charging Information for Events

To make our musical events more accessible, we've set reasonable ticket prices. Concert tickets cost around £5 for adults and £3 for concessions. Tickets for our annual production cost around £10 for adults and £5 for

concessions. These fees help cover event costs and support the Music and Performing Arts Departments

In The Future

This is about what Poynton High School is planning for subsequent years.

We are continually looking to enhance and expand our musical offerings to provide even more opportunities for our students in the coming years.

Planned Improvements

We intend to organise additional trips to increase our students' exposure to live music and professional performances. We have already started planning a European Music Tour and the school show, which will involve all years giving our students numerous opportunities to showcase their abilities.

High-Quality Music Provision Features

Peripatetic (peri) music lessons are becoming increasingly popular at our school, with more than 210 students currently being taught each week. Many of our peri teachers are fully utilised at the school and at times we can have a waiting list. This high demand highlights the importance and value of Music at Poynton High School.