

Music development plan summary: Leeds Jewish Free School 2026-2028



Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2028
Date this summary was published	January 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	January 2028
Name of the school music lead	Sarah Haig
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Charlie Kelsey
Name of local music hub	Artforms
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Leeds Lieder

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.

<p>The school includes combined Performing Arts lessons 2 hrs per week which are split up into Music and Drama for the year groups. This has been developed as previously Y7 did not have access to Music and Drama.</p> <p>Students are offered GCSE music</p> <p>The students are also able to take Graded (ABRSM) exams through the peripatetic music teachers</p> <p>Our school curriculum meets the requirements of the National Curriculum and can be seen in more detail on our website</p> <p>In Year 8 and 9 students have the opportunity during lesson time to play the keyboard and sing, individually and in ensembles</p> <p>The music teacher has close links with music teachers through the Red Kite Alliance, Artforms and Leeds Lieder</p>

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.

All students are offered the opportunity to take lessons with peripatetic teachers in Piano, Saxophone, Clarinet, Guitar and Singing. Any student requesting a different instrument would be explored.

This tuition is paid by parental contribution although on application and if eligible, the school may consider a subsidy towards this tuition

There are opportunities to perform music at awards and leavers assemblies and on open evenings.

Lessons take place in the Drama Studio but there are opportunities for students to rehearse individually or together in school or in the zone, by arrangement

Leeds Lieder work with school annually on projects and this will continue as long as our eligibility to receive this bursary and grant allow us to do so

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.

GCSE students attend concerts and orchestra performances annually

Last year, students attended the Leeds Conservatoire and the Wardrobe for free music concerts funded by Artforms

Students in the past have had the opportunity to attend theatre and opera

In addition to assemblies and rewards ceremonies, students have been able to access The Zone on site for extra-curricular activities

In the future

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

- This year, we are incorporating a Musical Celebration Evening for students to perform in the winter term