

# Music development plan summary: Queen's Park High School Overview

Detail	Information
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Name of the school music lead	R Landen
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	S Taylor
Name of local music hub	Edsential Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music for Life

## Part A: Curriculum music

At key stage three music lessons are in line with the National Curriculum for music. Two, one-hour lessons are allocated over a two-week timetable.

Throughout key stage three, there are opportunities to sing, and all students learn to play the keyboard. During year eight students develop Samba percussion skills. In each scheme of work students may choose to learn to develop skills on guitar, bass and drums, and ukulele. Students may also choose to perform on instruments they are learning to play brass/string/woodwind etc.

[Please see link to music curriculum plan and medium term plans for KS3 on QPHS website.](#)

At key stage four students can study EDUQAS GCSE Music. Five, one-hour lessons are allocated over a two-week timetable. The subject content is performing, composing and appraising.

[Please see link to music curriculum plan and medium term plans for KS34 and 5 on QPHS website.](#)

Throughout all key stages students can prepare and be entered for the following graded music exams: Associated Board of the Royal School of Music, Rock School London and Trinity College London.

## Part B: Extra-curricular music

### **Music for Life Lessons**

Music for Life provide one to one and small group music tuition. Lessons currently offered are voice, keyboard, piano, guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet and tenor horn.

There are three different lesson types – shared, individual 20 minute and individual 30 minute lessons. Shared lessons typically cost around £29.95 a month, Individual 20 minute lessons cost around £45.75 per month and individual 30 minute lessons cost around £58.25.

Pupil Premium is used to fund lesson costs for disadvantaged students. A small section of instruments is available for free loan from school or hired from Edsential Music Service.

### **QPHS Band**

For students in key stages three and four, all instruments and abilities. Free of charge Rehearsals are every Tuesday lunchtime in the Music Studio. Students may use school instruments.

### **Key Stage Three Music Club and Choir**

Every Wednesday after school for one hour. Students have opportunity to work sing in a choir and rehearse individual or small group performing and composing projects of their own choosing. Support is available from the music teacher if required. Five rehearsal rooms are available including a composing suite.

### **Rehearsal Rooms**

For all key stages, five rehearsal rooms are available at lunchtime and after school for students to book. Equipment available for students to use free of charge includes electric piano drum kit, guitar, bass, amp and microphone. Students may use the rooms for individual practice or ensemble rehearsals.

### **GCSE Catch Up**

Open to all GCSE music students at Key stage 4. Monday after school for one hour. GCSE music students may use the department to practice performance skills, complete composing coursework or for extra support with theory, listening and appraising.

### **Music Centres**

Students have opportunity to join ensembles ran by local music hub Edsential Music Services. Pupil Premium can be used to fund fees for disadvantaged students.

Chester Music Centre

Chester School's Mezzo Band,

Chester School's Convert Band

Chester Schools's String Orchestra

## Part C: Musical Performances

### **Christmas Concert**

Year 7 choir (all students). Performance opportunities for students from all key stages as soloist, QPHS band, Rock Band, vocal and instrumental ensembles. Tickets are £5 for parent's and careers, free for disadvantaged families.

### **Local Primary School**

GCSE music students accompany the Christmas carol singing at a local primary school Christmas event.

### **School Production**

Annual school musical is open to all students as performers. Selected students from key stages 4 and 5 have opportunity to perform in the band. Evening performances to students, parents, carers and local community. Free performances during the school day to children from local primary schools. Tickets £6-8 for evening performances and free to disadvantaged students.

### **V Factor**

School singing competition open to students at all key stages. Tickets £6 (proceeds to charity) Free for disadvantaged families. Audience is students, parents and carers.

### **QPHS Unplugged**

Key stage three music showcase. A free concert for parents, carers, students.

### **Rock Band**

Regular performances at school events to students- opening evenings, assemblies, sports day, lunchtimes. Also, within the community at Chester Zoo, North Liverpool Academy and local music festivals.

### **GCSE Music Showcase**

Evening concert for year eleven GCSE music students of solo, ensemble performances and compositions. Audience of parents/carers and year 10 GCSE students. Free.

### **Story house**

GCSE music students visit, to watch a professional music performance.

### **Rap Club**

This is an extra-curricular club which is run by a English teacher with experience and passion for rap.

## In the future

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

- Re introduce KS5 music. For school year 2025-26 students can study Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance
- Further opportunities to watch professional performances

## Further information

[www.edsential.com/music-for-families](http://www.edsential.com/music-for-families)

<https://www.musicforlife.org.uk>

<https://www.storyhouse.com>