

Music development plan summary: 2025-2026

Newhouse Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 - 2026
Date this summary was published	Feb 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	Sept 2026
Name of the school music lead	Matt Smedley
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Hilary Lunn
Name of local music hub	Rochdale Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

School curriculum for KS3 is published on the website

Music lessons are taught in KS3 once per week

In addition to this, students in KS3 access Performing Arts once per week. This is split into three blocks - Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre including singing.

Students have the opportunity to play a range of instruments in lessons including Ukulele; keyboard; guitar and drums.

The department works in partnership with Falinge Park High School and Hollingworth Academy.

There is currently no KS4 GCSE Music provision.

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.

School has plenty of space in music practice rooms for students to develop their skills outside of lessons.

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.

NA

In the future

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

Plans to embed the developments in KS3 curriculum

Look to musical experiences offered

Link the Guide for Parents and Young People from DofE on our website

Publish the Local Music Hub plan for music education on our website

Further information (optional)

See above - in the future