

# Music development plan summary: Maghull High School

## Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2024 / 25
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Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2025
Name of the school music lead	Adam Dutch
Name of local music hub	Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Sefton Music Service

## **Part A: Curriculum music**

At Maghull High School students receive 2 hours of curriculum music lesson per fortnight (nominally once a week) at Key Stage 3. At Key Stage 4 students follow the Eduqas GCSE Music specification and receive 5 hours teaching per fortnight. At Key Stage 5 students follow either the Eduqas A Level Music specification or the BTEC National Extended Certificate in Music Performance (cohort dependent). For both qualifications' students receive 9 hours teaching per fortnight.

At Key Stage 3 students study a range of musical styles and traditions from the UK and around the world. The curriculum is skills based, so through these topics students develop their practical performance skills on a range of instruments, including keyboard, voice, ukulele and guitar, djembe and other percussion instruments. Students also develop their musical technology skills through the use of a range of software, including DAWs and music notation software.

The school works in partnership with other schools in the Southport Learning Trust and with the Sefton Music Service to help quality assure provision and to provide additional opportunities for students to take part in music making.

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.

## **Part B: Music tuition, choirs and ensembles**

Students at Maghull High School are offered 1-to-1 instrumental provision provided by Sefton Music Service. This tuition is opt-in and is paid for by parents, subsidised by the school. Lessons are available on voice, guitar, drums, strings, brass and woodwind.

The music service offers free instrument loans for any students paying for their provision and also run a range of extracurricular performance opportunities. The music service also pays for lessons and instrument loans for any Looked After children. Full details of what the music service provides can be found below:

<https://www.skymusichub.com/>

The school runs a number of extracurricular activities for students to take part in – please see the table below for more information:

<b>Group Name</b>	<b>What is it?</b>	<b>Who is it for?</b>	<b>Lunchtime / afterschool</b>
<b>Spotlight Music Group</b>	Auditioned musical ensemble for the most able students at Maghull High School	All year groups	Afterschool
<b>Spotlight Vocal Group</b>	Auditioned vocal ensemble for the most able students at Maghull High School	All year groups	Afterschool
<b>Key Stage 3 Choir</b>	Non-auditioned mixed vocal groups for students in Y7, 8 and 9	Year 7, 8 and 9	Lunchtime
<b>Guitar and Ukulele group</b>	Non-auditioned group for guitarists and ukulele players of all abilities	All year groups	Lunchtime
<b>Theory Group</b>	Working lunch for GCSE students and students taking instrumental music lessons	All year groups, but predominantly KS4 and 5	Lunchtime

As well as this provision students can rehearse using practice rooms or music classroom at lunchtime or afterschool. This can be as a soloist or as a group. Students also create their own ad-hoc ensembles, including bands and vocal groups.

## 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.

Throughout the year there are regular performance opportunities for students at Maghull High School. The regular events run throughout the year are:

- School Music (November)
- Christmas Assemblies (December)
- Christmas Choir Tour (December)
- Summer Showcase (June)
- Performing Arts Tour to London (July)

These shows and concert are open to all year groups and are by audition. Additionally, students support the school at open evenings and mornings, performing to prospective parents and students during these events. Students are performers in all of these events but also have a chance to be audience members for events such as the Summer Showcase and Christmas Assemblies.

The school works with a number of partners to provide additional performance opportunities for students. Recent examples include:

- SLT Instrumental Festival at Greenbank High School
- SLT Vocal Festival at Meols Cop High School
- Performance at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall with the Maghull Wind Orchestra

The school also has strong ties with a number of theatrical groups, including the Southport Dramatic Club, with a number of students taking part in their Summer Youth Theatre productions every year.

## In the future

At Maghull High School we are always looking to improve the musical offer for all students. To improve this provision we are looking at developing the following:

- An increased offer for students to go and see high quality musical performances (including trips to see the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra)
- A performance opportunity for students in the Spring term
- Increased instrumental ensemble offer

## Further information (optional)

### **DFE: Music education: information for parents and young people:**

*A guide to the national plan for music education and how to get help for parents, carers and young people.*

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>

### **Sefton Music Service (currently SKY Music Hub):**

<https://www.skymusichub.com/>

### **Liverpool Philharmonic Youth Company:**

<https://www.liverpoolphil.com/take-part/youth-company/>

### **Southport Dramatic Club Youth Theatre:**

<https://littletheatresouthport.co.uk/youth-theatre/>

### **LIPA 4-19 Academy:**

<https://www.lipa419.co.uk/Academies/LIPA-419-Maghull>