

Music Development Plan Summary: Q3 Academy Great Barr

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic years that this summary covers	2026 - 2029
Date this summary was published	April 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	April 2029
Name of the Curriculum Leader for Music	Mrs L Karim
Name of other music organisations in partnership	SIPS

This is a summary of how our Academy delivers music education to all our students 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 students and parents or carers understand what our Academy 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 students can achieve.

Full details of our Music curriculum can be found on the curriculum page of our website [here](#).

Students in Years 7-9 have a lesson of Music per week which increases to three lessons per week in Years 10-11, four lessons per week in Year 12, and five lessons per week in Year 13, for those who elect to study GCSE or A-Level Music.

The qualifications offered in Music are GCSE and A-Level.

Part B: Co-Curricular Music

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

We offer a wide range of extra-curricular Music activities, the timetable for which can be found on the Instrumental Lessons noticeboard in the Music department. Instrumental lessons are also offered through our partnership with SIPS.

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.

Q3 Academy Great Barr proudly hosts termly Music concerts in partnership with SIPS. Many of our students take part in concerts with the SIPS service outside of the Academy in addition to those we host.

The Music department work in partnership with the Drama department as to provide Music students with the opportunity to play and/or sing in performances throughout the year. Examples of which are our annual pantomimes and any summer performances.

In addition to this, we offer trips to widen students' musical curiosity.

In the Future

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

We intend to continue strengthening our partnership with SIPS Education as well as any independent providers, if necessary, as to ensure all students have access to high-quality Music education and to a wide range of instrumental lessons.

We continually strive to offer a varied extra-curricular offer and plentiful musical experiences in line with demand and the cohort of students with whom we work. If students and/or parents/carers have any suggestions or know of any opportunities as for us to extend our work, then please speak to Mrs Karim to explore these options further.