Music development plan summary: Cowes Enterprise College

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2027
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Anthony Ferns
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Southampton and IOW Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	

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.

Music plays a central part in the cultural life of Cowes Enterprise College. The music department boasts state of the art equipment and facilities where students are free to explore and develop their musical understanding.

Music forms part of an individual's identity and enables personal expression and reflection. As an integral part of culture, music helps pupils appreciate themselves, relate to others and develop their cultural understanding.

Music at Cowes Enterprise College will give students all the tools required to become accomplished music performers, composers and critics.



Students in [Key Stage 3] have at least one one-hour Music lesson per week, equating to at least six hours of music curriculum each half-term.

Music also forms a key part of the [Cowes Charter].

Part B: Extra-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.

Cowes Enterprise College offers a number of music clubs including (but not limited to) marching band, choir, musical theatre, drumming, ukulele club and more.

Cowes Enterprise College is also pleased to work with a number of peripatetic music teachers from the local IOW Music Hub who offer a range of music lessons such as piano, woodwind, drums, guitar and brass.

The academy benefits from a dedicated music area with a selection of music practice rooms and instruments for students to use. There is also a recording studio on site.

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.

Cowes Enterprise College is pleased to offer regular musical performance in school, often at lunch times, for all students to take part in. These feature student bands or performers. The academy hosts an annual Remembrance service with musical performances and singing. There are also regular performances combining drama with music.

We also regularly take part in community music events such as Christmas concerts or carol singing in the community as well as musical theatre productions.

As part of the Cowes Charter, students are encouraged to take part in a performance of some kind and this can include a musical performance in school, such as at an event or in assembly.

In the future

This is about what the school is planning for subsequent years. Cowes Enterprise College strives to expand the music provision in the future to including KS4 and KS5 qualifications. Aiming to grow the music department in terms of musical experiences and student engagement.