

Music development plan summary: Sir Robert Pattinson Academy

Overview

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| Name of the school music lead | Mr J Ward |
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| Name of local music hub | Lincolnshire Music Service |
| 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.

Part A: Curriculum Music

Curriculum Time Allocation

All students in Key Stage 3 (Years 7, 8 and 9) will receive one hour of curriculum music per week throughout the school year from September 2026, meeting the national plan for music education requirement. Music is compulsory for all students in Years 7-9.

Our Music Curriculum

From September 2026, we will implement a comprehensive new Key Stage 3 music curriculum that provides students with a broad and ambitious musical education. This has strong links to the model music curriculum (March 2021). Our curriculum includes:

Year 7:

- Introduction to Music at SRPA (exploring different instruments, singing, technology, and world music)
- Elements of Music
- Musical Notation
- Ukulele (whole-class instrumental teaching)
- Musical Theatre Singing
- Introduction to Music Technology using Reaper

Year 8:

- Performing 'Stand By Me' (ensemble performance)
- Riffs, Loops and Ostinato
- Creating Electronic Dance Music (EDM) on Reaper
- Folk Music – British and Beyond
- Contemporary Vocal Styles
- Percussion Ensemble – World Rhythms

Year 9:

- Film Music Composition on Reaper
- GCSE Music Preparation (Eduqas style unit covering performing, composing, and appraising)
- Blues Music – History, Structure, and Performance
- Music and Identity
- Songwriting

Class Instrumental Teaching

All students learn to play instruments during curriculum time, including:

- **Ukulele** (Year 7 and across KS3)
- **Keyboard/Piano** (all year groups)
- **Percussion instruments** including djembes and world percussion (all year groups)
- **Vocal training** across multiple styles including musical theatre, contemporary, folk, and blues

Students also develop music technology skills using industry-standard software (Reaper) to compose and produce music.

SEND Provision

We ensure music is accessible for all students through differentiated resources, teaching assistant support, and targeted intervention. Our curriculum is designed with multiple entry points to ensure every student can succeed and progress in music.

We hold targeted small group workshops with music specialist learning support, which aims to engage students who have additional needs in order to practise fine motor skills, communication and music therapy.

Music Qualifications and Awards

Key Stage 4:

- **Eduqas GCSE Music**
- Students can work towards **graded music examinations** (ABRSM, Trinity, Rockschoo, LAMDA) through peripatetic lessons

Key Stage 5:

- **A-Level Music** will be offered from September 2027

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.

Instrumental and Vocal Tuition

We work in partnership with the Lincolnshire Music Service to provide peripatetic instrumental and vocal tuition outside of curriculum time. Students in Years 7-13 can access predominantly one-to-one lessons in:

- Guitar
- Piano
- Drums
- Brass instruments
- Woodwind instruments
- String instruments
- Voice

Charging: Lessons are charged in line with Lincolnshire Music Service rates. Discounts are available for students eligible for free school meals and children in care.

We also offer private singing lessons with Helen Winter, an accomplished West End performer and vocal coach. Helen offers qualifications and support in singing competitions.

Choirs and Vocal Ensembles

Annual School Production

- Open to all year groups (Years 7-13)
- Over 100 students participated in our most recent production
- Rehearsals take place on various days during break times and after school
- Free to participate
- Provides extensive singing and performance opportunities in collaboration with the drama department

Harmony Group (from September 2026):

- A new vocal ensemble focusing on close harmony singing
- Open to all year groups (Years 7-13)
- Weekly rehearsals
- Free to participate

Instrumental Ensembles and Bands

All ensembles are free to join and open to students based on year group:

School Rock Band:

- After school on Thursdays
- Open to all year groups with appropriate instrumental skills

Ukulele Group:

- Regular sessions during breaks
- Open to all students

Open Mic Sessions:

- Regular opportunities for students to perform
- Open to all year groups
- Friday lunchtimes

Practice and Rehearsal Spaces

We have six dedicated music practice rooms available for students to rehearse and practise. Students can book practice rooms during designated times:

- **KS3 students:** Tuesday break times
- **KS4 students:** Wednesday break times

Our newly-refurbished music studio provides excellent facilities for both individual practice and ensemble rehearsals.

Instrument Loans

Instrument loans are available through Lincolnshire Music Service. Discounts on instrument hire are available for students eligible for free school meals and children in care.

Making Progress in Music

Students can:

- Work towards graded music examinations (ABRSM, Trinity, RockschooL, LAMDA) through peripatetic lessons, with exams coordinated by peripatetic teachers
- Participate in music competitions and festivals organised through peripatetic teachers
- Access Lincolnshire Music Service Saturday centres and holiday courses.

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.

Regular Musical Events

Singing and Performing in Assemblies: All year groups have opportunities to perform in end-of-term assemblies, providing termly performance experiences for students.

School Performances and Concerts

Annual School Production: Our flagship musical production runs from September to February each year and is open to all year groups (Years 7-13). Recent productions have involved over 100 students in singing, acting, and technical roles. The show is performed in collaboration with the drama department.

Additional Concert (from September 2026): We are introducing an additional annual concert to provide more performance opportunities for students across all year groups. This concert will be free for parents and carers to attend.

Open Mic Sessions

Regular open mic sessions provide informal performance opportunities for students to showcase their musical talents to their peers.

Live Performance Experiences

We are planning to introduce trips to professional concerts and live performances from the 2026-27 academic year. Initially, these will focus on GCSE Music students attending performances relevant to the Eduqas specification, ensuring students experience live music that supports their studies.

Visiting Musicians and Workshops

We plan to invite visiting musicians and organisations to deliver workshops in the future, enriching students' musical experiences and exposing them to diverse musical styles and professional musicians.

In the future

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

Our Vision for Music at SRPA

Sir Robert Pattinson Academy is an expanding music department with newly refurbished facilities. Our key priorities for developing music provision over the next 2-3 years are:

- **Growing GCSE Music participation** – increasing uptake and achievement
- **Establishing regular termly performances** – providing more showcase opportunities
- **Expanding ensemble provision** – developing a wider range of musical groups
- **Introducing live performance trips** – ensuring students experience professional music
- **Developing Key Stage 5 provision** – introducing A-Level and/or BTEC qualifications

Specific Planned Developments

September 2026:

- Implementation of new comprehensive Key Stage 3 music curriculum (Years 7-9) covering performing, composing, listening, and appraising across diverse musical styles
- Launch of new Harmony Group vocal ensemble
- Introduction of additional annual concert (free for parents/carers)
- Begin programme of live performance trips for GCSE students

September 2027:

- Introduction of A-Level Music or BTEC Music/Music Technology qualification

Ongoing developments:

- Expanding partnership with Lincolnshire Music Service to support curriculum delivery and ensemble development
- Developing visiting musician and workshop programme
- Growing the range of ensembles and musical groups available
- Increasing opportunities for students to perform at external venues and events
- Continuing to enhance our excellent facilities and resources
- Educational visits to universities to build relationships and opportunities.

Meeting the National Plan for Music Education

Our developments will ensure we meet all key features of high-quality music provision:

Timetabled curriculum music of at least one hour each week – Achieved for KS3 from September 2026

Access to lessons across a range of instruments and voice – Provided through Lincolnshire Music Service partnership

A school choir or vocal ensemble – Annual school show (100+ students) and new Harmony Group from September 2026

A school ensemble, band or group – School Rock Band, Ukulele Group, and expanding provision

Space for rehearsals and individual practice – Six practice rooms plus newly refurbished music studio

A termly school performance – End-of-term assembly performances, annual school show, and additional concert from September 2026

Opportunity to enjoy live performance at least once a year – Introducing from 2026-27, initially for GCSE students

Further information (optional)

Partnership with the Lincolnshire Music Service

We work closely with the Lincolnshire Music Service, our local music hub to provide:

- Peripatetic instrumental and vocal tuition
- Instrument loans with discounts for disadvantaged students
- Access to Saturday music centres and holiday courses
- Graded music examination opportunities

- Support for ensemble development

For more information about Lincolnshire Music Service and their local plan for music education, visit their website or contact them directly.

Support for Parents and Young People

The Department for Education publishes a guide for parents and young people on how they can get involved in music in and out of school, and where they can go to for support beyond the school.

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