

ELLIS GUILFORD SCHOOL

Music Development Plan Summary

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-2026
Date this summary was published	13 th September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mr C Dove
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mr C Dove
Name of local music hub	Nottingham Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	NA

Part A: Music Curriculum

Music is offered across KS3 for a period of one hour of dedicated teaching per week. Those entering into KS4 subject (Music or Music Technology) receive 5 hours of lessons per fortnight over a two-week alternating timetable.

Year 7

Music	Unit 1 - African Drumming	Unit 2 - Elements of Music	Unit 3 - Rhythm and Pulse	Unit 4 - Musical Notation	Unit 5 - Instruments of the Orchestra	Unit 6 - Keyboard Skills 1
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Year 8

Music	Unit 1 - Rock and Roll	Unit 2 - Musical Notation 2	Unit 3 - Keyboard Skills 2	Unit 3 - Keyboard Skills 2	Unit 4 - Samba	Unit 5 - Film, TV, and Video Game music
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Year 9

Music	Unit 1 - Pop Ballads	Unit 2 - Rock Anthems	Unit 3 - Keyboard Skills 3	Unit 4 - Dance Music	Unit 4 - Dance Music	Unit 5 - Song Composition
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Year 10 and 11 WJEC Performing Arts – Music or Music Technology Pathway

Students complete 3 units over a two year period, two of which are internally assessed. These cover:

Unit 1 – Performance

Unit 2 - Creating

Unit 3 – Performing Arts in Practice

A more detailed breakdown of the course requirements can be found here:
https://www.wjec.co.uk/qualifications/level-12-vocational-award-in-performing-arts/#tab_keydocuments

Accessibility

The music curriculum is designed in line with the wider schools SEND policies. These can be found by following the link provided:
<https://www.ellisguilfordschool.org.uk/sen-information-for-parents>

Part B: Extra-Curricular Music

Extra-curricular music at Ellis Guilford School is treated with the highest priority.

Every Year 7 child joining the school is given the opportunity to receive one to one and small group tuition with a specialist music tutor on a weekly basis. This also includes the loan of instrument, for free, for the duration of their tuition within school. At Ellis Guilford School we recognise the profound effect musicianship can have a child both enhancing their cognitive development as well as fostering a lifelong appreciation of the arts.

Instrumental tuition continues after Year 7 at a heavily subsidised cost, and we encourage all children to continue their learning. No child should be held back by financial constraint and there are subsidies and grants available to children from backgrounds where monetary assistance is required.

We offer tuition on the following instruments: Violin, Viola, Cello, Clarinet, Flute, Saxophone (Alto and Tenor), Trumpet, Trombone, Guitar, Drums, Piano and Voice.

Children making exceptional progress are offered the opportunity to complete grades following either the ABRSM or Trinity boards.

After school our 'Ellis Electives' include the choir, Samba club, instrumental practice and school show rehearsals.

Children can make further progress by representing EGS at Trust level with Voices Foundation and Trust Orchestra which includes several visits around the country for specialist workshops and performances.

In-school clubs and Trust visits are free of charge.

Part C: Musical Experiences

Every child at Ellis Guilford School is invited to participate in the school shows. This annually consists of one full scale musical and a concert including a tour of local primary schools. Every year we have children from every year group perform on our stage to both parents, and local primary schools.

In addition to this we take regular trips to see concerts and performances at the professional venues in Nottingham City Centre. This may vary from a musical, to a concert or orchestra or other musically based performances. There may be a requirement for a small charge for these trips from time to time, however, they will always be subsidised, and financial assistance is available for those in need.

In the Future

All outstanding music departments have one eye towards the future and at Ellis Guilford School we are no different.

There are long term plans to extend the extracurricular offer to include orchestral ensembles and a school steel pan band.

We have already extended our KS3 curriculum to include world music such as Samba and African Drumming and these links to wider world will continue to grow as will our integration of Music Technology into the daily curriculum as we continue to further support our excellent grades at KS4.

Further Information

For extra support, advice and information on how to engage with music provision in the area and extend your child's progress through music please visit the following government advice site: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/music-education-information-for-parents-and-young-people>