

Music Development Plan summary: Becket Keys Church of England School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025 -2026
Date this summary was published	September 2025
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Name of the school music lead	Peter Romhany
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Kerry Course
Name of local music hub	Greater Essex Music Hub: Essex Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	The Hermit Music Space

This is a summary of how our school 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 school offers and who we work with to support our students' 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.



Our Music Learning Journey



BECKET KEYS MUSIC

Key Stage 3

Intent (based on the National Curriculum)

Students should perform, listen to and evaluate music across a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions including the works of great composers and musicians. They should learn to sing and to use their voices, to create and compose music on their own and with others, can learn a musical instrument and to use technology appropriately. Students should understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated including through the inter-related dimensions: pitch, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations.

Implementation

Students will be taught to:

- play and perform confidently in a range of solo and ensemble contexts using their voice, playing instruments musically, fluently and with accuracy and expression
- improvise and compose; and extend and develop musical ideas by drawing on a range of musical structures, styles, genres and traditions
- use staff and other relevant notations appropriately and accurately in a range of musical styles, genres and traditions
- identify and use the inter-related dimensions of music expressively and with increasing sophistication, including use of tonalities, different types of scales and other musical devices
- listen with increasing discrimination to a wide range of music from great composers and musicians
- develop a deepening understanding of the music that they perform and to which they listen, and its history

Key concepts

- Performing
- Composing
- Listening
- Appraising
- Understanding

Links to Key Stage 2

We note that there are huge differences in students' Key Stage 2 curriculum diet. However, students at Key Stage 2 are generally taught to use their voices and play musically. The Key Stage 3 RET Music curriculum extends these skills to encompass performance skills in voice and instruments by developing and developing technical and performance skills and in an understanding of the music. Pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, texture, structure and appropriate musical notations are considered at Key Stage 2. The RET Key Stage 3 curriculum builds on this by extending creative composing and more in depth, regular creating and composing. Our aim is to develop a culture and foster a love for music.

Relationship to the wider Key Stage 3 Curriculum

There are extensive links with Drama, English and History departments. Our school engages in cross-curricular projects to contextualise music; to present and perform to audiences. There are links to geography and technology as students create instruments and study music and geographical movement from other cultures at Key Stage 3. There are links to dance in delivering performance, to art in terms of the similarity of vocabulary and to ICT as students begin to use tailor made computer programs to create music.

Links to KS4

All the skills practised at KS3 are represented, assessed and developed in Key Stage 4. KS3 is a natural progression. We offer the GCSE pathway for students and those that do not choose

music as an option at KS4, can continue with instrumental lessons and are included in all our ensembles.

We partner with Greater Essex Music Hub and [Essex Music Service](#) to support musical opportunities for our students including hosting the Brentwood Community Music School on a Thursday evening.

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.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunchtime	Band Work for Year 8, 9 and Year 10	Band Work for Year 10 and Year 12	Theory Club (8am)	Band Work for Year 11	
3:15pm	Orchestra (open to all orchestral instruments of any standard) Additional Rock Factory catch up	BK Choir (non-auditioned choir)	Marching Band (drums) Stage Band (open to students Grade 3 standard or above)	Upper Voices	Rock Factory (open to all students and link with The Hermit Club)

Please note: students can book a practice room to use during the day.

Individual lessons for the following instruments currently available are:

Piano, Drums, Guitar, Bass, Cello, Trumpet, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Violin, Viola, Voice.

These can be arranged by emailing office@becketkeys.org

- Students are able to access [Financial assistance from Essex Music Service](#) for music lessons, instrument hire and county-led ensembles.
- Students are able to access instrumental tuition and ensemble activities outside of the school day through [Essex Music Service on a Thursday evening at the Community Music School \(Becket Keys\)](#)

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 performances throughout the year include:

All Year 7 take part in House Music Competition in term one.

Chamber Concerts once a term (6 over the year).

Christmas Carol Concert.

St Thomas' Church Christmas Concert.

Spring Concert.

Secondary Church Schools' Concert (Chelmsford Cathedral).

St Peter's Church Patronal Festival Summer Concert.

Hermit Club every Friday with concerts throughout the year.

Links with community choirs including Brentwood and Ingatstone Choral Society.

Performances at local venues including Brentwood Cathedral and The Wessex Centre.

Choirs and worship band perform at school Eucharist Services.

Regular performances at school for events such as award evenings.

Whole school production with live student band.

Students sing during collective worship.

Students have the chance to watch live performances during Enrichment Day including singer/songwriters promoting well-being.

KS4 and KS5 attend concerts including lunchtime recitals at Brentwood Cathedral and events in London.

Visiting artists and workshops (with links to Essex Music Service).

In the future

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

Build stronger links with St Thomas' Church. PRO to link with Sam (musical director at St Thomas')

Links with other local schools including possible performances at Brentwood Theatre and a Swing Project led by the Hermit Club.

Workshops and masterclasses supported by Essex Music Hub.

Introducing Logic Pro at KS4 and KS5 to support composition and development of studio skills.

All Year 7 to attend an orchestral concert by December 2025

Building on links with Saffron Hall in Saffron Walden. A new folk music project will be starting this year at Bardswell Social Club and other projects are being organised.

Further information (optional)

- Essex Music Service have produced a [Parents' Guide to Music Provision](#) which gives parents valuable information about supporting their child's music education.
- Essex Music Service Schools Brochure 2025-26.
- Greater Essex Music Hub Local Plan for Music Education – Information for schools will be coming in September 2025.
- Brentwood's Orchestra for Young Musicians.
- Brentwood Imperial Youth Band.
- BOSSY (Brentwood Operatic Society Youth).
- Hermit Club.