

Music development plan summary: Corley Academy

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2025-26
Date this summary was published	September 2025
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2026
Name of the school music lead	Malc Evans
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	
Name of local music hub	Coventry Music
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.

KS3 - Students currently have one lesson a week of Music timetabled, reflecting the ambitions of the Model Music Curriculum, exploring different musical genres and history and aiming to develop skills in Listening, Singing, Performing, Composing and Evaluating.

KS4 – Students have two double lessons timetable each week, where they choose an instrument to study (usually vocals, guitar, bass, drums, and ukulele) and work towards gaining Rockschool graded qualifications, which have an equivalent Level 1 or Level 2 grade. Students then enter for video exams when ready and these can be during any of three exam periods each year. The outcomes can be:

- Gain a Level 1 or 2 equivalent (graded exams) Rockschool qualification
- Gain the practical skills necessary to go onto Level 1/2/3 vocational music courses at college.

In the Year 10/11 Life skills pathway we have one lesson a week to revisit topics covered in Year 8/9 with the intention of building on, and developing, learning and practical skills.

We also recognise the needs of individual students at Corley Academy. For example, a student received 1:1 GCSE Music tuition from Adele's School of Music in Year 9 and Year 10, and gained a Grade 6 in the summer of 2025.

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.

At Corley Academy, we also encourage students to engage in other musical activities during the week. These are currently limited to lunchtime clubs and Wednesday afternoon 'Preparation for Adulthood' Music sessions, due to the transport arrangements we have at school.

In 'Preparation for Adulthood' Music sessions, students from both KS3 and KS4 can develop their instrumental and band skills on a variety of instruments. Other musical experiences are introduced in these sessions too, with the aim of working towards an Arts Award Discover award.

The 2024-25 Rock Band has disbanded, and a new Rock Band has been created with, mainly, very talented Year 7 students. Rehearsals currently take place on a Tuesday lunchtime.

The school choir has evolved into a singing club and will continue in the 2025-26 academic year on Wednesday lunchtimes.

'Music Club' runs on a Thursday lunchtime for KS3 Students, providing a place for practice, self-expression, friendship and relaxation.

Students are informed of relevant musical opportunities that are offered by organisations such as Coventry Music and Solihull Music, if appropriate.

We do not currently have visiting music tutors for 1:1 tuition on other instruments but help finding private music tutors for instrumental lessons will always be available.

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.

Students at Corley Academy also have the opportunity to experience music outside of lessons, clubs and Music Enrichment.

In the past, we have had students performing at Coventry Music's annual summer showcase at Warwick Arts Centre and The Belgrade Theatre. Students also took part in an Orchestra for All workshop and a Music/Performing arts program culminating in a performance of Jack and The Beanstalk at the Albany Theatre. We have also had musical performance at our 'Party in the Park,' Platinum Jubilee and Coronation parties.

Our summer music showcase in 2025 was a great success. I plan to continue the summer showcase format and look for other opportunities to share the music our students make in other ways throughout the year.

I plan to continue to visit Warwick Arts Centre to attend their monthly lunchtime concerts, taking as many different students as is possible to experience live music.

I plan to take a group of students to Symphony Hall to hear the CBSO perform.

I hope to develop more links with Warwick University's Music department, who have offered to deliver workshops and the possibility of a concert space for a student performance later in the year.

I plan to continue to invite our guest pianist into school on a regular basis to play a wide range of music to our students on our school piano.

In 'Preparation for Adulthood' Music I hope to invite musicians to perform and talk about their musical experiences.

I will look out for further musical experience for our students so that they can experience the pleasure of live music, through our Coventry Music Hub and other organisations in the area.

In the future

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

As a school, we aim to keep developing our students' musical experience so that they can develop an understanding and passion for music, so they enjoy listening to music, attending music concerts, and develop their skills on musical instruments.

Further information (optional)

Our students are from Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire. Further musical opportunities can also be found here:

<https://www.coventrymusic.co.uk/>

<https://www.solihull.gov.uk/children-and-family-support/solihullmusicservice>

<https://www.warwickshiremusicclub.org/>