

Music development plan summary: Queen's Park High School Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-2027
Date this summary reviewed	03-07-2026
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Name of the school music lead	R Landen
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	S Taylor
Name of local music hub	Love Music Trust
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Music for Life

Part A: Curriculum music

At key stage three music lessons are in line with the National Curriculum for music. Two, one-hour lessons are allocated over a two-week timetable.

Throughout key stage three, there are opportunities to sing, and all students may learn to play the keyboard. During year eight students develop Samba percussion skills. In each scheme of work students may also choose to learn to develop skills on guitar, bass, drums, and ukulele. Students may also choose to perform on instruments they are learning to play brass/string/woodwind.

KS3 curriculum

At key stage four students can study EDUQAS GCSE Music. Five, one-hour lessons are allocated over a two-week timetable. The subject content is performing, composing and appraising.

KS4 curriculum

Throughout all key stages students can prepare and be entered for the following graded music exams: Associated Board of the Royal School of Music, Rock School London and Trinity College London.

Part B: Extra-curricular music

Music for Life Lessons

Music for Life provide one to one and small group music tuition. Lessons currently offered are voice, keyboard, piano, guitar, bass, ukulele, drums, saxophone, clarinet, trumpet and tenor horn.

There are three different lesson types – shared, individual 20 minute and individual 30 minute lessons. Shared lessons typically cost around £29.95 a month, Individual 20 minute lessons cost around £45.75 per month and individual 30 minute lessons cost around £58.25.

Pupil Premium is used to fund lesson costs for disadvantaged students. A small section of instruments is available for free loan from school.

Key Stages Three and Four Music Enrichment

Students have opportunity to attend weekly music enrichment sessions during the school day. The duration is 30 mins. Students may use this time for student led ensembles and rock bands, to learn the play the ukulele, piano, guitar or sing in a group.

Music Club for all Key Stages

Every Monday and Thursday after school for one hour. Students have opportunity to rehearse individual or in small group working on performing and composing projects of their own choosing. Support is available from the music teacher if required. Five rehearsal rooms are available including laptops and recording equipment.

Rehearsal Rooms

For all key stages, five rehearsal rooms are available after school for students to book. Equipment available for students to use free of charge includes piano, drum kit, guitar, bass, ukulele, amp, laptops and recording equipment. Students may use the rooms for individual practice or ensemble rehearsals.

GCSE Catch Up

Open to all GCSE music students at Key stage 4. Monday and Thursday after school for one hour.

GCSE music students may use the department to practice performance skills, complete composing coursework or for extra support with theory, listening and appraising.

Music Centres

Students have opportunity to join ensembles ran by local music hub. Pupil Premium can be used to fund fees for disadvantaged students.

Chester Music Centre www.lovemusictrust.com/parents-and-pupils/ensembles

Chester School's Mezzo Band,

Chester School's Convert Band

Chester Schools's String Orchestra

Part C: Musical Performances

Christmas Concert

Year 7 choir (all students). Performance opportunities for students from all key stages as soloist, QPHS band, Rock Band, vocal and instrumental ensembles. Tickets are £5 for parent's and careers, free for disadvantaged families.

School Production

Annual school musical is open to all students as performers. Selected students from key stages 4 and 5 have opportunity to perform in the band. Evening performances to students, parents, carers and local community. Free performances during the school day to children from local primary schools. Tickets £6-8 for evening performances and free to disadvantaged students.

V Factor

School singing competition open to students at all key stages. Tickets £6 (proceeds to charity) Free for disadvantaged families. Audience is students, parents and carers.

QPHS Summer Music Concert

Music showcase for all key stages. A free concert for parents, carers, students.

Rock Band

Regular performances at school events to students- opening evenings, assemblies, sports day, lunchtimes. Also, within the community at Chester Zoo, North Liverpool Academy, local music festivals, Love Music Trust Battle of the Bands and at Chester Band Stand.

GCSE Music Showcase

Evening concert for year eleven GCSE music students of solo, ensemble performances and compositions. Audience of parents/carers and year 10 GCSE students. Free.

Storyhouse

GCSE music students visit, to watch a professional music performance.

In the future

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

- Re introduce KS5 music. For school year 2026-27 students can study Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Music Performance
- Further opportunities to watch professional performances

Further information

<https://www.lovemusictrust.com>

<https://www.musicforlife.org.uk>

<https://www.storyhouse.com>