

Music at SSJS

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Priorities

Music at SSJS has a holistic approach in which the strands of music are woven together across a series of lessons each term.

These strands are:

- Performing
- Listening
- Composing
- History of Music
- The inter-related dimension of music (pulse, pitch, duration, dynamics, tempo, timbre, structure and musical notation)

These strands are part of every unit taught at SSJS.

These lessons are taught predominantly through the online platform 'KAPOW' which provides a highly skilled curriculum designed to be taught by the specialist and non-specialist alike.

Garage Band is taught in Computing lessons but does link closely with the music curriculum and vice versa.

Provision

Weekly lessons of music are taught, alongside any peripatetic provision that may be in place.

Alongside this, for a whole term, year 3 and year 5 have whole class instrumental lessons taught by a peripatetic teacher from Durham Music Services. In the past, these lessons have consisted of Ukulele, Glockenspiel, Tin Whistle, African Drumming and Samba (street) band. This depends on availability at the time of application each year.

Individuals brass lessons are taught in Year 4, 5 and 6 to those pupils who want to do this and this is offered free for Pupil Premium pupils.

Regular whole school singing practice is led by the music coordinator, who is a specialist. A number of the current staff are able to play instruments and perform with these for different assemblies and events.

The school choir runs across the school year has taken part in a number of community events over the past few years.

Trips and Visitors:

There are no specific trips to enrich the music curriculum but the whole school does attend the local pantomime where pupils experience live on stage music.

Some concerts are brought into school and in the past this has consisted of Durham Music Services bringing an ensemble and/or musician from the local Durham Brass Festival.

Special Days/ Festivals

Christmas is a highly musical time of year and pupils sing and perform for parents at the church carol service and in school at the Nativity play, as well as other events across the year.

World Music Day is celebrated across school on 21st June.