

Music development plan summary: Altrincham Grammar School for Boys

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	September 2027
Name of the school music lead	M Monument
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	M Monument
Name of local music hub	Greater Manchester Music Hub
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	Trafford Music Service.

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.

Key Stage 3,

Pupils in key stage 3 have three hourly lessons per fortnight in years 7-8 and two lessons per fortnight in Y9. The KS3 curriculum is designed using elements of the model music curriculum. It is a broad and balanced curriculum designed challenge our students and develop their character.

All pupils in Year 7 and 8 will use an orchestral instrument in regular class music lessons.

Year 7 –

- **Introduction to studying music**
- **Minimalism**

- Fanfares
- End of year concert and performance

In year 7 all pupils will sing and learn an orchestral instrument, be introduced to the elements of music, learn to read music and listen to music from around the globe. Pupils will compose music, using musical notation and ICT.

Year 8 –

- Classical Structures
- Film Music
- World Fusion Music
- Performance skills

In year 8 all pupils continue to perform an orchestral instrument, develop their voices through singing and increase their understanding of the elements of music. Pupils will further develop their ability composing and appraising music.

Year 9-

- The Mercury Prize
- Computer Game Music
- Rock Musicianship
- Podcast project

In year 9 pupils will learn music production skills, learn how to compose to a brief and appraise music, learning how to write about music and its features.

KS4:

Students can study GCSE Music (AQA Specification) over two years. – 5 Hours per fortnight.

KS5 – Pupils can study A level music (AQA Specification) 8 hours per fortnight, over two years.

A large number of pupils study instrumental tutors in school. Pupils are encouraged to take ABRSM, Trinity and rockschool graded exams. Music theory is also taught privately in school, with a number of pupils entering ABRSM theory exams.

SEND – All lessons are planned and delivered within our school SEN framework . details here [Altrincham Grammar School for Boys - Learning Support \(SEND\)](#)

All pupils are able to access our music curriculum.

Part B: Co-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.

Vocal and Instrumental lessons.

AGSB offers both instrumental and vocal tuition to students. Lessons are delivered on site by self-employed, independent music teachers and operate on a rotating timetable designed to minimise disruption to curriculum learning. Tuition is provided on an individual basis, with students able to choose between 20-minute or 30-minute lessons at varying costs, which are normally funded by parents or carers. Students eligible for Pupil Premium may apply for school-funded music tuition.

Tuition is available for ..

Voice, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Bassoon, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Violin, Viola, Cello, Double Bass, Drums, Percussion, Guitar, Classical Guitar, Bass Guitar, Piano, Music Theory.

Co Curricular –

The Music department organises a host of Co-Curricular activities. Rehearsals are held during lunchtimes and after school.

They include..

Big Band, Concert Band, String Orchestra, Intermediate Jazz, Jazz Combo, Rock Club, Choir, Chamber Choir, Staff Choir, Brass Quintet.

There are rehearsals for the school production, for cast members, and Band, between September and December every year.

Our session orchestra rehearses from January to February.

There are countless House music rehearsals in the run up to the House shout, which takes place in October.

Some pupils take part in music outside of school, with pupils receiving private instrumental lessons at home or at music schools . Some pupils attend Trafford Music Service ensembles. We have students who are members of the National Children's Orchestra, National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, Students are members of the Halle Youth Choir, Halle Training Choir and Halle Children's Choir.

AGSB has a thriving music department , with our concert band and big band regularly attending music festivals, such as NCBF.

Our facilities allow us to hold several rehearsals at once, with small rooms being able to be booked for small group practice, and larger rooms specifically designated for the rehearsal of music.

Part C: Musical experiences

There are many AGBS music events over the course of the year, listed below. In addition to this there are many incidental musical performances, in assemblies, open evenings, PFA events, at Christmas and in our local community.

 <u>Music Events 2026/2027</u> 	
Thursday 1 st October 2026	Y7 Music showcase – 6:00 – 7:00pm. All Y7 attend, plus Concert band, Big Band and Choir.
Wednesday 14 th October 2026	House Shout – 6:00 - 9:30pm. A music and singing extravaganza. One of the highlights of the school calendar. A wonderful House competition. Open to all.
Thu-Sat 26 th -28 th November 2026	School production – 7:30pm.

SSunday 6 th December 2026	NCBF Reginal competition - all day. Concert Band and Big Band compete in the regional round of a national competition.	
Thursday 17 th December 2026	Christmas Carol Service. All pupils attend.	
Thursday 7 th January 2027	Piano recital. 7:00 – 9:30pm.	
Friday 5 th February 2027	Session Orchestra. 7:00 – 10:00pm. A spectacular event with a huge variety of musical styles being showcased.	
Wednesday 3 rd March 2027	House Spotlight. 6:00 – 8:00pm. Drama Competition. Monologues, Duologues and Musical Theatre.	
Thursday 25 th March 2027	Spring concert. 7:00 – 9:30pm. Another opportunity to for students to showcase their incredible musical talents.	
Friday 18 th June 2027	House Music Solo competition. All day. Instrumentalists and vocalists compete against other similarly graded musicians while representing their House. Open to parents? Live stream?	
At GrammarFest 2027	AGSB's Battle of the Bands – Rock bands competing to be crowned AGBS's 2027 champions!	
July 2027 – Music Tour to Belgium – Featuring Big Band, Concert Band and Session orchestra.		

In the future

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

AGSB aims to improve the fabric of the music department, to create a future proof space specifically designed to improve music provision. Further to this plan is the option to improve access to quality instruments for all pupils, with many instruments needing to be upgraded and replaced.