Music Development Plan Summary: Icknield High School

Overview

Detail	Information
Academic year that this summary covers	2026-27
Date this summary was published	September 2026
Date this summary will be reviewed	July 2027
Name of the school music lead	Mr B Gunduz
Name of school leadership team member with responsibility for music (if different)	Mrs R Latif
Name of local music hub	Luton Music Service
Name of other music education organisation(s) (if partnership in place)	N/A

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.

The school curriculum for music is published for each year group online and is linked here: https://www.icknield.beds.sch.uk/Music/. We are increasing access for disabled pupils and supporting pupils with special educational needs (SEND) using Student Adjustment Sheets for each student with advice on how best to meet their needs.

- Key Stage 3 lessons are timetabled for 1 hour every two weeks.
- Key Stage 4 lessons are timetabled for 2 hours per week.
- Our school music curriculum was reviewed in July 2025 and is informed by the model music curriculum (March 2021), the non-statutory guidance for teaching music from Key Stages 1 to 3.

- A brief summary of the opportunities pupils have to learn to sing or play an instrument during lesson time includes whole-class singing and whole-class ensemble teaching in all year groups in Key Stage 3. The variety of instruments learned in Music lessons includes keyboards, ukuleles, African djembes, Samba percussion instruments, bass guitars, acoustic guitars, drum kit and music technology using GarageBand.
- Peripatetic lessons are offered to all students in the following instruments: violin, viola, guitar, piano, drum kit and percussion. Most of our peripatetic staff are from the Luton Music Service, our local music hub.

Pupils can complete music qualifications and awards in the academic year, including graded music exams (all key stages) and GCSE Music (OCR Board) at Key Stage 4. Here is a link to the Key Stage 4 Curriculum Map:

https://www.icknield.beds.sch.uk/docs/Curriculum/Subjects/Music/KEY_STAGE_4_CURRICULUM_MAP_MUSIC_0923.pdf

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.

Outside of what is taught in lesson time, our school offers one-to-one, small-group and large-group tuition for instruments or voice.

Pupils can join the Music lunchtime club, Guitar club, School Choir, Dhol Drumming Club, School Band and small performance groups for school concerts.

Pupils can have individual or paired lessons in violin, viola, drumkit, piano and guitar and parents pay for these lessons.

Pupils can make progress in music outside of lesson time by attending these clubs or lessons once a week, and they also have access to instrument loans and music clubs run by the Luton Music Service outlined here:

https://directory.luton.gov.uk/kb5/luton/directory/service.page?id=ZXm4E3wyFuU

Charging and Remission from the Luton Music Service:

- Parents are charged and fees (per term for 10 x 20 minute lesson) for the current academic year are as follows:

2026-27

Tuition – Paired for 20 mins	£132.90
Tuition – 1:1 for 20 mins	£159.50

- Tuition is free for School Choir, School Band and small performance groups. Tuition is subsidised for Dhol Drumming Club for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility).
- Pupils can join choirs or ensembles and year 7-11 by signing up electronically via Edulink or within the Music Department or via the Luton Music Service website for lessons with their staff here www.thelutonmusicmix.com.
- Pupils can rehearse or practice individually or in groups in the five Music Practice Studios in the Music Department at breaktimes or lunchtimes or afterschool.

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.

Musical experiences are planned for the academic year, including the Music Department Winter and Summer Concerts, the Annual Talent Show, A Songwriting Workshop, A Dhol Performance Workshop, local trips to Music Technology workshops and concerts outside of school.

For musical performances, concerts and shows in and out of schools, pupils get involved from all year groups, whether pupils are participating or are members of the audience by signing up and responding to invitations to participate.

- Some events are subsidised or free, including for parents or carers in particular circumstances (e.g. pupil premium eligibility) and some will be charged according to the event costs.

We draw on partnerships with the Luton Music Service, Bedfordshire Music Service, The Prime Agency, Barnfield College and Luton Sixth Form College.

In the future

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

Here are the improvements we plan to make for subsequent years in curriculum music, extra-curricular music or musical experiences, and when we plan to introduce changes.

- more consistent and challenging vocal development such as singing in harmony, with ornaments, in polyphonic parts in Year 7 from the Autumn Term 2026, Year 8 from the Spring Term 2027 and Year 9 from the Summer Term 2027
- a large school choir from the Summer Term 2027
- a South Asian Music performing group using dhols and tabla from the Summer Term 2027
- a School Band that can participate in Battle of the Bands for the Luton Music Service Showcase event in Summer 2027
- opportunity for a coach trip for Years 7-9 to enjoy a live performance at least once a year in a concert hall (either Autumn 2026 or Summer 2027)

Icknield Music Department Partners:

- Luton Music Service – www.thelutonmusicmix.com
- Bedford Music Service – **Bedford Music Hub**
- Luton Sixth Form – https://www.lutonsfc.ac.uk/
- Barnfield College – https://www.barnfield.ac.uk/
- The Prime Agency – https://www.theprimeagency.com