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Alsager School

An Achieving School - A Caring Community

## How to support your child at KS3 - Music

### General

As your child deepens and extends their musical interests they will:

- Perform, listen to, review and evaluate music from a range of historical periods, genres, styles and traditions, including the works of famous composers and musicians.
- Learn to sing, and to use their voices to create and compose music on their own and with others.
- Have opportunities to learn a musical instrument and use music technology appropriately.
- Understand and explore how music is created, produced and communicated, including a knowledge of pitch, dynamics, tempo, timbre etc.

To support your child:

- Try to expose your child to as wide a variety of music as you can. Attend music concerts of all types and introduce your child to choirs and orchestras.
- Ask your child to listen to the music played while you are out in shops, restaurants and other public places. Do they notice any differences between the types of music played in different places?
- Play music while your child is doing homework, chores, completing a puzzle or other similar activities. Ask your child to choose what music they think is most appropriate for each type of activity.
- Encourage your child to learn to play a musical instrument (see below)
- Encourage your child to join an extra-curricular musical activity (see below)
- Check out all the projects your child will cover [here](#) in music sharepoint.

### Instrumental / Vocal Music Lessons

All students in KS3 learn to sing and to play a wide range of instruments in class, but many pupils wish to extend their musical experience through in-depth study of a particular instrument or the voice by taking Instrumental / Vocal Lessons. Further guidance can be found on the links below:

[Music Tuition Letter](#)

[www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

Instruments can be hired on a termly basis (subject to availability) via [www.lovemusictrust.com](http://www.lovemusictrust.com) (hire request form) or contact Kelly Thomson on 01270 766214. If you are interested in purchasing a new instrument, please contact the school's Finance Office for details of the Assisted Purchase Scheme: email [finance@alsagerschool.org](mailto:finance@alsagerschool.org) (tel: 01270 871100 extn 240).

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Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Undertaking extra-curricular activities has far-ranging benefits that touch on many aspects of your child's development including: Learning new skills, boosting academic performance, developing broader social skills, improving time management and impressing universities. Alsager School is full of exciting activities that could spark your child's imagination and capture their attention. We offer a wide and diverse range of extra-curricular activities including: steel pans, vocal group, orchestra, jazz band, music tech club through to whole school musical productions. Creativity is a key asset for education and beyond. Those involved in music clubs tend to be more creative thinkers and capable of approaching problems from a different standpoint.

Further Guidance about extra-curricular activities in music can be found on the link below:

[Extra-Curricular Music Activities](#)

Other useful websites / links

**Bandlab for Education** - An award winning online music platform where students can embark on a music-learning journey that unleashes their creativity and foster collaboration with peers.

<https://edu.bandlab.com/>

**BBC 10 Pieces** - BBC Ten Pieces consists of ten performances of classical music which aim to open up the world of classical music to 7-14 year-olds across the UK and inspire them to develop their own creative responses to the music

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/all-resources/zdg3t39>

**KS3 Music Bitesize** - A website designed to help learn about topics covered at KS3, support learning and find out about careers in music

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zmsvr82>

**Little Kids Rock Jam Zone** - Learn to play your favourite band skills instruments and songs.

<https://jamzone.littlekidsrock.org/>

**Love Music Trust** - The Love Music Trust is our local music service hub. They offer a wide range of ensembles that you can join as well as offering instrumental hire and invaluable experience for young people with high musical aspirations

<https://www.lovemusictrust.com/>

**Music Theory** - Free online lessons and exercises to help learn about the theory behind music

<https://www.musictheory.net/>

**You DJ** -Want to become a superstar DJ?. Free online software to make your dreams come true

<https://jamzone.littlekidsrock.org/lessons/you dj-1-introduction/>

<https://you.dj/>