



Twynham School Candidate Pack

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Introduction

The Twynham TGS Music Department stands as a beacon of excellence in music education, offering world-class opportunities to all students across the Twynham and The Grange Schools. Recognised by the BCP Soundstorm Music Hub as a regional leader in both curricular and extra-curricular provision, the department has recently been designated as one of the area's "Lead Schools" — a testament to its outstanding impact and innovation.

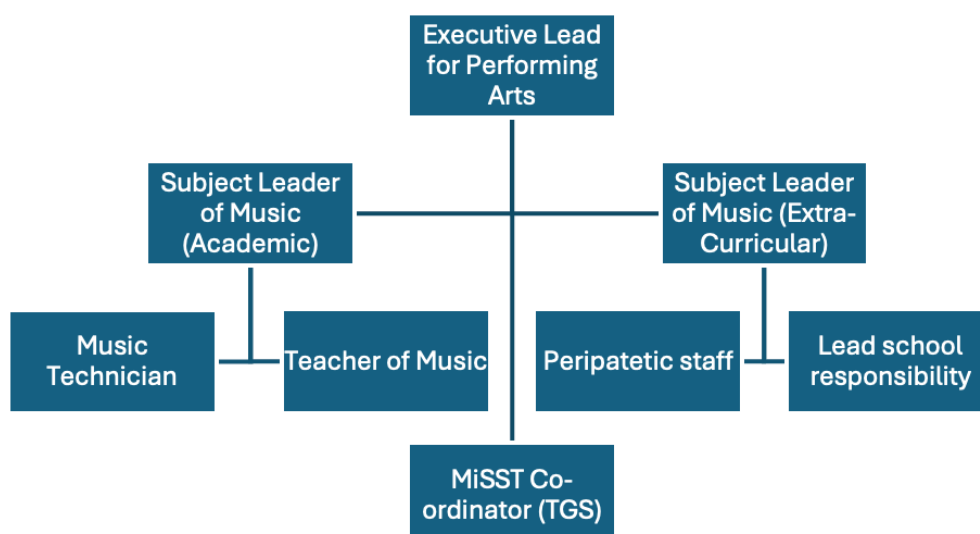
The Music Department Team Structure

At the heart of the department's success is a uniquely structured team comprising five dedicated music teachers and a specialist music technician. This collaborative model ensures both academic rigour and vibrant musical enrichment. Leadership within the department is shared between two key roles:

- **Subject Leader of Music (Academic):** Responsible for driving excellence in curriculum design and assessment, this role ensures that teaching remains pedagogically strong and that resources (including the deployment of the music technician) are managed effectively.
- **Subject Leader of Music (Extra-curricular):** Oversees the department's extensive programme of ensembles, performance opportunities, and instrumental/vocal tuition. This role also leads the department's work as a BCP Soundstorm Lead School, supporting other schools in delivering high-quality music education.

All members of the music team contribute to the extra-curricular life of the department, leading activities that reflect their individual expertise and passions. This holistic approach not only fosters academic achievement and musical confidence but also cultivates a thriving community of young musicians.

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The Music Key Stage 3 Curriculum

The Key Stage 3 music curriculum at Twynham TGS is designed to establish a strong musical foundation for all students, nurturing them into confident, well-rounded musicians prepared to pursue music at Key Stage 4. The curriculum is structured around the core disciplines of **performing, composing, and listening & appraising**, with a strong emphasis on developing students' understanding and application of the **elements of music, tier-three musical vocabulary, and theoretical concepts**.

Each academic year is built around four key schemes of work: **melody, harmony, rhythm, and music technology**. These units form part of a **spiral curriculum**, which revisits and deepens musical concepts year-on-year, broadening students' musical understanding and exposing them to a diverse range of genres, cultures, and historical contexts.

GCSE Music

At GCSE level, Twynham TGS offers the **AQA Music** specification. Students begin by consolidating their Key Stage 3 knowledge through a variety of practical and theoretical activities, including performance, composition, and listening & appraising tasks. The majority of GCSE music students receive **instrumental or vocal tuition** from peripatetic teachers, enhancing their performance skills both in lessons and through extra-curricular opportunities.

To ensure inclusivity, the department also offers a **music technology/DJ pathway**, allowing students to explore alternative forms of musical expression. For their **free composition coursework**, students write and produce a **pop song** using **Logic Pro X** in the school's professional-grade recording studio.

Music Post-16

At A Level, students have the option to study either **A Level Music (AQA)** or **A Level Music Technology (Edexcel)**. These courses provide rigorous academic and practical training, preparing students for further study or careers in music performance, composition, production, and related fields.

Exam Results

GCSE Music	A Level Music	A Level Music Technology
40% Grade 9-7	25% A*-A	100* A*-C
78% Grade 9-5	75% A*-C	
82% Grade 9-4		

Currently, **65 students** are enrolled in GCSE Music, with a further 22 students studying A Level Music and Music Technology. These numbers reflect the department's strong academic reputation and the popularity of music as a subject within the schools.

Extra-curricular Provision and Resources

The Twynham TGS Music Department benefits from outstanding facilities and a rich programme of extra-curricular activities that support and inspire students at all levels of musical development.

Facilities

At Twynham School, the department is equipped with four spacious classrooms, including two state-of-the-art Mac suites running Logic Pro X, four dedicated practice rooms, a professional recording studio, and a range of on-site performance spaces. The Grange School offers two classrooms, including a Mac suite, and four practice rooms, ensuring students have access to high-quality learning environments across both sites.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Each week, 18 clubs and rehearsals are led by the department's five specialist music teachers and a team of peripatetic staff. These include a wide range of ensembles and musical groups tailored to student interests and abilities. A highlight of the year is the annual musical production, delivered in partnership with the Performing Arts department, which showcases the collaborative and creative spirit of the school community.

Music Scholarship and Instrumental Provision

Twynham School offers a music scholarship programme supporting 50 of its most talented musicians. Scholarship students receive free instrumental lessons, instrument hire, and access to a broad range of performance opportunities. Across the schools, over 180 students receive weekly instrumental and vocal tuition.

Partnership with Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST)

The Grange School is proud to be part of the Music in Secondary Schools Trust (MiSST), providing every Key Stage 3 student with a free classical instrument and specialist tuition. This initiative also offers students the chance to perform in prestigious venues, further enriching their musical experience.

Performance and Community Engagement

Students from Twynham and The Grange participate in over 25 concerts, events, and showcases annually. The department enjoys a strong reputation within the local community, with performances at notable venues such as Christchurch Priory and participation in local competitions and festivals. Ensembles including the jazz band regularly perform at events such as the Christchurch Food Festival, Proms on the Bandstand, and Christmas busking events, fostering strong community ties and real-world performance experience.

Why join Twynham School and The Grange School?

Our Schools are a vibrant, high-performing learning community with a strong sense of purpose and belonging. We are proud of our inclusive ethos, excellent outcomes, and the high-quality relationships that underpin all we do. As part of the Twynham Learning family, colleagues benefit from a culture of collaboration, bespoke professional development, and a deep commitment to staff wellbeing. Whether you are at the start of your career or looking for your next challenge, our schools offer an exciting opportunity to grow, contribute, and thrive in a community that genuinely values its people and aspires to unlock the potential of every student.