



The Quinta School Vision for Music

At The Quinta we know that a high quality music education should engage and inspire pupils to develop a love of music and develop their talent as musicians. We know how music builds children's self-confidence, creativity and sense of achievement. As our pupils progress, they develop a critical engagement with music, allowing them to compose and to listen to music from a range of genres. At The Quinta, music is taught in four strands: listen, perform, compose and evaluate. Our vision for music is that it is progressive across the whole school and that all our pupils develop a well rounded understanding of the fundamentals of music. All children will have the opportunity to play a range of instruments and become aware of famous musicians.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." – Plato



Our Aims for Music

Our overarching aim is to ensure children develop an enjoyment and love for music while they are at our school.

Through responding to and playing a wide range of music, the children will be helped to understand how sounds are made, changed and organised. The children will develop an understanding of musical processes, including learning about and reading relevant musical symbols and notation. Our curriculum promotes continuity, progression and coherence across the school. The four golden threads for music start in Reception and go through the

curriculum for every year group up until Year 6.

We provide opportunities for children to acquire basic skills and understanding in music through participation in musical activities individually and by working in a group. Our Reception and Key Stage One children work together to sing songs for our Christmas Nativity and in Key Stage Two the children perform a carol concert at Astbury Church. Each Year group has the opportunity to perform drama plays and productions. Our school council also hosts their own Quinta's got talent where our children audition on their own, in pairs or small groups to be crowned the champion.

Children are given the opportunities to develop their musical abilities and knowledge through other curriculum areas where appropriate. The children will understand how music is influenced by history, time and place of origin and compose their own music. Our Year 5 children write their own songs and perform them on the stage at Clonter Opera. They also take part in Young Voices at the O2 Arena in Manchester.

We employ specialist music teachers to teach music in some year groups to give pupils the best opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills in this area of the curriculum. Our Year 4 children work with Music For Lifet each week and learn to play the ukulele.

We have been involved in many exciting projects recently. The highlight of the year is performing with the famous Halle orchestra. In Key Stage Two the children perform with schools from all over the county at the 'Come and Play with the Halle'. This is a unique concert designed to allow children to take part as an ensemble.

The MusicPolicy

[The Music Policy](#)

Music Subject Content

At the Quinta school music is taught in four strands, listen, perform, compose and evaluate. Each year group builds on skills and knowledge covered in previous years leading to a spiral curriculum of music.

Listen

Perform

Compose

Evaluate

We also plan for whole school music days and events where all of our children work together to put on performances or learn new musical skills.

An ensemble of musicians visit the children and bring a wide range of instruments with

them. The whole school also visits the theatre together each year. Year 5 children have the amazing opportunity to visit London to watch a show in The West End.

Opportunities in the school day for Music

Music is an important part of the Quinta curriculum and so we give it time to be taught effectively by musically talented staff in the afternoons in blocks. This enables the curriculum to be taught progressively and tailored to the children's abilities and needs.

How we engage all children in Music

We ensure that pupils of all abilities and backgrounds make worthwhile progress in music. Teachers provide suitable ways for pupils of different abilities to access all skills by increasing their level of support.

All children are expected to engage with music and from Year 4 the children are expected to engage with greater independence and pursue an instrument. Children are informed of local music centres providing extra-curricular opportunities to extend their enjoyment, attainment and interest in music.

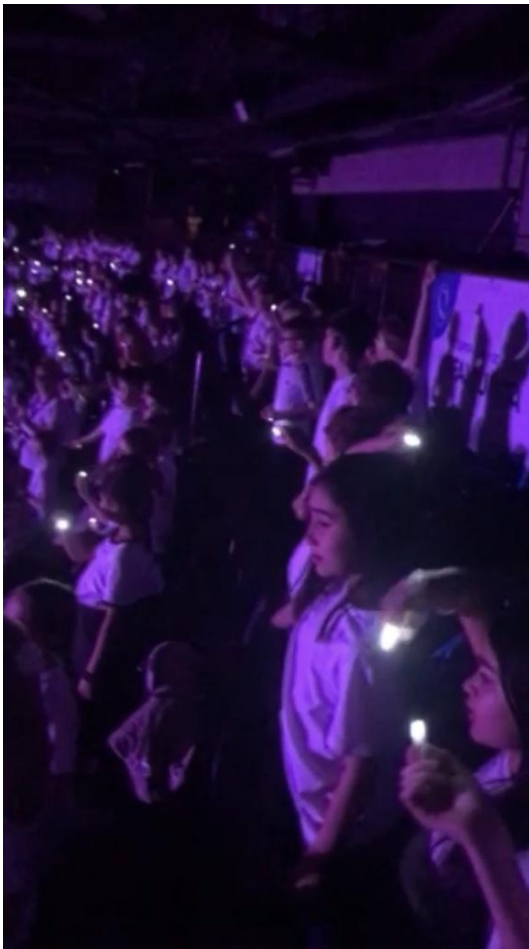
We have a weekly singing assembly where the children come together to sing. We even include harmonies to some of our songs.

There are specialist music teachers that come into school each week too to teach guitar and piano lessons.

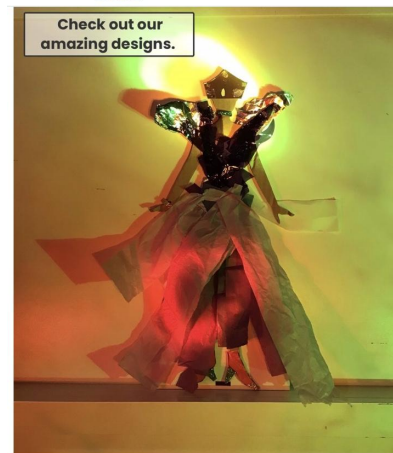
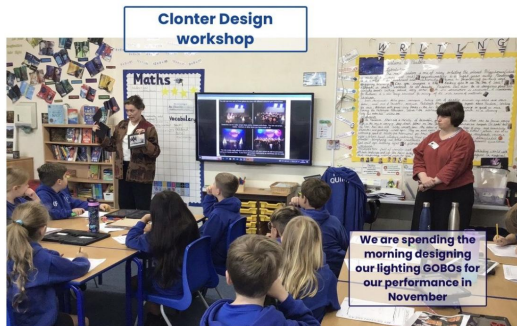


Examples of our good practice across the school

Another amazing year at Young Voices 24- What a fantastic experience for our Year 5s



The Clonter Opera October 2023 - A Willy Wonka Theme

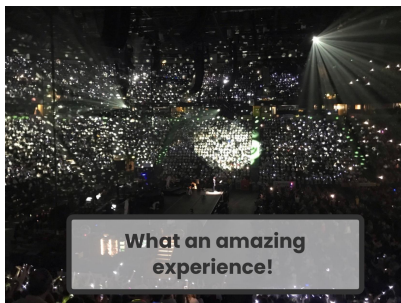


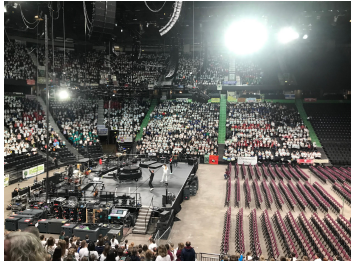


Performing on stage at The Clonter Opera March 2023.
Singing the song our class composed.
[Down on Diagon Alley as composed by Class 10](#)



Year 5's visit to London's West End to see the musical Matilda.





Year 5 and The Quinta Choir sung their hearts out at Young Voices 2023.



Our wonderful KS1 Nativity 2022



Year 6's Performance of the musical Peter Pan 2022





Visiting Musicians from Music4Life to inspire pupils



Reading music in Reception



Making music together. Composing our own songs.



Experiencing 'real-life' opera at Clonter Opera in Year 3



Year 4 - Come and Play with The Halle at The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Links to Quinta Curriculum for Music

[Our Music Curriculum](#)

Links to support parents

[Love Music Trust](#)

Who to speak to about Music at The Quinta

We welcome anyone who is interested in finding out about Music at The Quinta. If you have any questions or would like to come and visit us, please contact our Music Specialists:

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