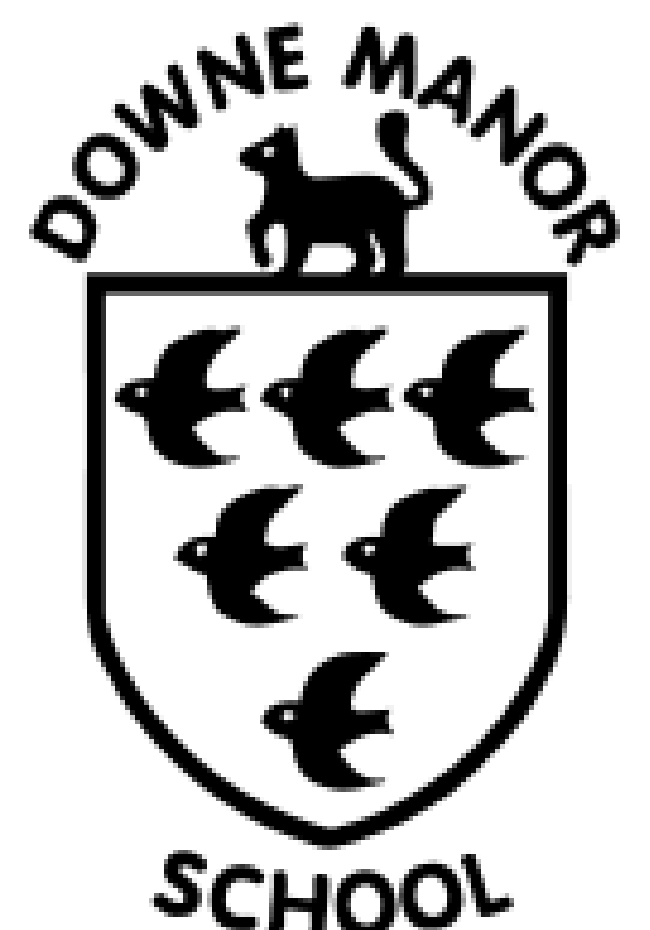




Sing Education School Spotlight

Downe Manor

Primary School





Tell us a little bit about Downe Manor

“ We are a 2 form entry school in Northolt. We have an amazing range of children and families from all different countries and backgrounds who love music and performing. Our parents and families are really supportive of the school and all our musical events are well attended. Our staff really value the specialist music teaching that Sing Education provide.

-Sharon Kearns, Downe Manor Headteacher

 Northolt
Greater London

Tell me about your typical day



“ I get into school at 8.15 and get myself set up for the day - that means going over the scheme of work, making sure my slides are working, and so on.

I make my way down to Nursery and then the rest of my lessons are back in the music room. I teach Nursery, do a short singing assembly in the hall, then get a short break before teaching Year 4 and Year 6.

After lunch, I have 2 year 5 classes and I help the last class with dismissal and home time.

-Esther Ruddle, Curricular Music Specialist



Students who qualify for Pupil Premium 37%
compared to the national average of 20.8%



What is Sing Education’s vision for music at Downe Manor?

“ At Sing Education, our vision for music at Downe Manor is deeply rooted in enriching students’ lives through music. Following a recommendation and an Ofsted inspection highlighting music as an improvement area, we collaborated closely with Sharon, the supportive headteacher. Downe Manor features a fantastic music room, which has significantly benefited our staff and programs. We’ve introduced enrichment activities, including assemblies and a choir of over 30 students, which the pupils love. With Sharon’s support, we’ve transformed the music curriculum, establishing a robust program that not only prepares students for future inspections but deeply embeds musical passion into their educational journey. This transformation exemplifies our commitment to fostering environments where music can thrive.

-Bert Routledge, Sing Education Director

What is Downe Manor’s vision for music?

We are dedicated to providing an enriching and comprehensive music education that instils a lifelong passion for music in our students.

Our music curriculum is carefully crafted to foster creativity, nurture talent, and develop a deep understanding of music across various cultures and genres.

We aim to empower every student to express themselves through music, building their confidence, teamwork, and self-expression.

Sing Education lessons since
2022

So far that's...

1,036	148	74
curricular music lessons	singing assemblies	choir sessions



What is the most rewarding element of your job?

It's hard not to feel like you're making a difference when the kids tell you themselves. I love when kids make the effort of telling me they love their lessons or they bring me their drawings (normally

me with long flowing hair and a little triangle dress).

I know we don't teach music for praise or self validation, but it's the clearest way to see you've impacted a child's life in a meaningful and positive way. In some ways, we will never fully know the impact we have on the kids we teach, but I hope I've at least helped them to believe that music is for them.

-Esther Ruddle, Curricular Music Specialist

How does music impact the students at Downe Manor?

Our intent is to equip students with the knowledge, skills, and cultural awareness necessary to appreciate and engage with music in a meaningful way.

We aspire to cultivate well-rounded musicians who can sing, play, compose, and perform with proficiency and enthusiasm.

Through our music curriculum, we seek to instil in our students a sense of curiosity, an appreciation for diverse musical traditions, and the ability to connect emotionally with music.



What do you find most challenging in terms of education today?

I'm most excited about the evolving landscape of education, emphasizing creativity and holistic development. The challenge lies in addressing individual needs while maintaining a standardised quality of education.

-Bert Routledge, Sing Education Director

Music Provision at Downe Manor

- ✓ 2 full days of specialist music provision every week
- ✓ A dedicated school music teachers
- ✓ Curricular music lessons for Nursery - Y6
- ✓ Cover music teacher
- ✓ Music Development Plan
- ✓ Music Curriculum Pack
- ✓ Ofsted Deep Dive support
- ✓ Creative PPA solutions
- ✓ 2 singing assemblies a week
- ✓ Lunchtime choir
- ✓ External music opportunities, workshops and trips





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