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Sent by email to: manuela.perteghella.mp@parliament.uk

Dear Ms Perteghella

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 43768

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, whether music education will be one of the metrics assessed in the Ofsted report card announced for schools in England.

Your recent Parliamentary Question has been passed to me for response as His Majesty's Chief Inspector for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills.

In February 2025, we launched a consultation on a renewed education inspection framework and new look report cards.¹ Alongside our consultation document, we published our proposed education inspection toolkits, which list the standards providers will be evaluated against and provides more detail and clarity about what inspectors will consider on inspection.

We will not explicitly report on music education in our new report cards for schools, similar to how we do not explicitly report on it under our current education inspection framework. However, as with the current framework, music education will underpin the broader evaluation areas inspectors consider on inspection.

As set out in our toolkits, we are proposing to look at the curriculum on inspection, and music education would be considered as part of this for key stages 1 to 3. Inspectors will consider how leaders make sure that the curriculum is at least as ambitious in breadth and depth as the national curriculum for all pupils.

¹ 'Improving the way Ofsted inspects education', Ofsted, February 2025;
<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/improving-the-way-ofsted-inspects-education>.

In addition, as part of our proposed personal development and well-being evaluation area, inspectors will explore the extra-curricular opportunities schools provide pupils with to make sure they receive a range of programmes to participate in, such as music, art and sport.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely



Sir Martyn Oliver

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