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## Newsletter January 2024

Welcome back everyone to the New Year and our first full week into lessons. I hope you all had a lovely restful Christmas? I missed publishing the Christmas Newsletter last year as I was a little preoccupied with arranging our Christmas recital! I would just like to say once again how very proud I am of all of you that took part. I had an influx of positive and supportive comments about the day and everyone's performance. This is exactly the point of holding such an event, so that you all get the opportunity to perform to people that are there to support you and celebrate your progress along your individual musical journey. I am sure we will all agree that it was a wonderful afternoon, and we nearly packed out the Church with all our supporters! For those of you who could not make it this time don't worry, I fully intend to run another recital again this coming year and I am confident we will fill even more seats next time!

Exam news for the first part of the year, if you are planning to sit an exam this term then please pay attention to the dates on the right-hand side of this letter, the booking date is very soon! Also please have a look at the exam fees as there is a slight increase in prices for the ABRSM exams this year.

Whilst some people are really keen to sit music exams, whether it be for personal development, school applications or to supplement your musical education, it is not a necessity for all, so please don't worry if you feel this will never be for you. There is a whole world filled with lots of beautiful music, not just pieces for exams!

As we start the New Year off, please can you be reminded of my cancellation policy. I require at least **24 hour notice** of a cancellation, otherwise I will charge you for your full lesson fee. If you continue to successively cancel lessons, regardless of advance notification, I may fill your allocated time slot if it is needed by someone else.

Payment should be made to me on the day of the lesson, and **no later** than by completion of your lesson, regardless whether you are paying by bank transfer or cash. If I have to follow up for bank transfer payments, I may ask you to pay in future by cash instead. Thank you in advance for your understanding of the matter, and I wish you all a very Happy New Year!

## Exam News

### *Practical ABRSM exams (Session 1)*

Booking Period: 18<sup>th</sup> January – 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Exam Dates: 26<sup>th</sup> February – 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

### Practical exam fees

Prep Test	50 GBP
Initial Grade	50 GBP
Grade 1	56 GBP
Grade 2	64 GBP
Grade 3	74 GBP
Grade 4	81 GBP
Grade 5	88 GBP
Grade 6	102 GBP
Grade 7	110 GBP
Grade 8	130 GBP

