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Newsletter September 2021

Updates

I have decided that I will now send out newsletters as needed for important updates and also at the start of new terms for exam information.

As we start this new term I will be sending out a letter regarding timetable change. Please use this as an opportunity to check your diary and move around your lesson if you need to. If you are happy with your current day/time then please indicate that as your 1st preference on the letter, but please do fill it in and return to me by September 24th either in person or via email.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your resilience and patience over the last year. We have all faced many new challenges with Covid 19, but everyone's determination and commitment has been amazing. Some of you have even managed to take your ABRSM graded exams, and despite having to reschedule 3 times for one of my students, because centres were closing all over the county, she managed to achieve a high merit pass!

We have even managed to hold a pre exam concert for my more recent exam students. Although it was not as large scale as I had originally intended and the weather did not hold out, with some last minute changes it was a success and students got to benefit from playing in front of a small audience to help overcome pre exam nerves and parents got to hear their children perform in a more formal setting.

I extend that further to congratulate those students who worked so hard and dedicated so much time towards their ABRSM exams it all paid off, and they all passed with flying colours, some even achieving distinctions in their performances! Also, a congratulations to my GCSE student for after a stressful year of not knowing what was happening and what date things were taking place, also achieved an A grade for her music GCSE. Well done to all!

I hope the rest of you planning to take exams in the next few months feel as inspired as I do by some of these amazing achievements, and head forwards with renewed determination and realisation that with the right preparation you can overcome short term problems and worries to achieve your goals!



Exam News

Practical ABRSM exams (Session 3)

Booking Period: 27th September – 7th October

Exam Dates: 08 November – 11 December.

Practical exam fees

Prep Test	39 GBP
Initial Grade	40 GBP
Grade 1	44 GBP
Grade 2	50 GBP
Grade 3	58 GBP
Grade 4	63 GBP
Grade 5	69 GBP
Grade 6	80 GBP
Grade 7	85 GBP
Grade 8	101 GBP

Covid update

As many of the Government restrictions have now been lifted in the U.K, I no longer need to remain socially distanced from students, face coverings are no longer required during lesson time, and I no longer need to 'deep clean' the studio after each student has departed.

However, I will still insist that every student must sanitise their hands as they enter the studio before their lesson begins, and I will wipe down the Piano Stool and Keys as well as any other communally used items (pencils, etc.) at the end of each individual lesson. I will also be following Government guidelines and be keeping the studio ventilated during lesson time. I will now thoroughly clean the studio down at the end of every teaching day.

Further plans

After the success of the recent concert at my studio, I am keen to organise another one for the near future for all students to take part in as live concerts are now able to take place.

This is a perfect opportunity for students to gain valuable performance experience, and for family and friends to come along and listen and support performers in a friendly, relaxed environment.

With that in mind I am looking to source a suitable location as I fear my studio will not be big enough to seat all my students plus audience this time, especially if the weather is unfavourable on the day.

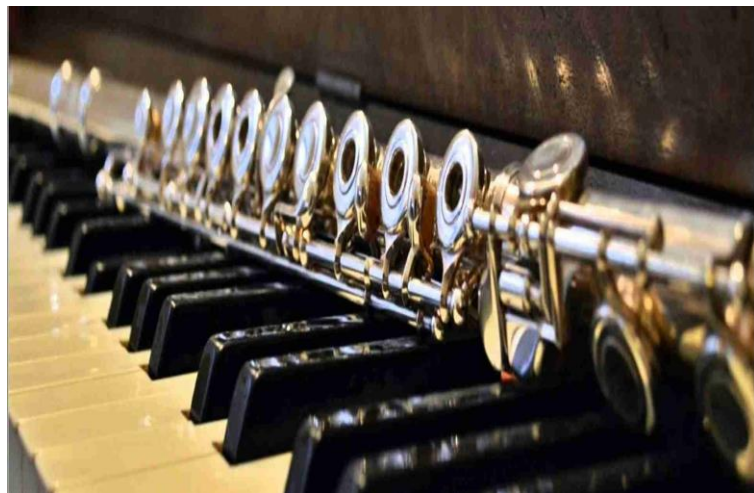
Therefore if anyone could recommend a suitable venue for November/December time that we might be able to use please can you contact me with further information. I would prefer if we could keep the cost to a minimum so I don't need to charge a ticket price.

Thank you.

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With regards to lesson planning, after I receive a return from everyone for a new lesson timetable, I will be reducing the amount of time in between each lesson as this extra time is no longer needed for 'deep clean'.

Please therefore be mindful of your lesson start/finish times and be sensitive to other people arriving/departing the studio. If parents would like to speak to me at the end of the lesson, could you please advise me before the lesson begins and we can allocate some time at the end of your slot. Alternatively, you can text or phone me.



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