



Newsletter

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Half Term Holiday

It has been a great half-term of music making at all my schools.

Next half-term we will continue to work on scales, exercises, technique, pieces, theory and we will also find time to learn some festive tunes.

I wish you all a very happy half-term holiday. Keep practising!

Polite Reminder

Some students are forgetting to bring all their music books (including theory books) and notebooks to their lessons. Please can you ensure you have them every week. Violinists and Violists also need their instruments every week.

Remember, students should aim to practice:

Beginners: at least three times a week for 5 to 10 minutes each time.

Intermediates: at least four times a week for 15 minutes each time.

Advanced: at least five days a week for 30 minutes each time

The best practice does not involve just playing through your pieces - that is just playing and not practising. The best way to practice is to work on a few bars at a time, making the best sound and focusing on your technique.

Some ideas to help with better practice are:

Clap the rhythms / Make the best sound / Learn in sections

Use the best technique / Name the notes / Sing along

Count in each time you play / Choose a suitable speed

Website

I have reluctantly taken the decision to cease using my website doubledaymusic.musicteachershelper.com because of an increase in costs.

Instead, I have spent a lot of time working on www.doubledaymusic.co.uk. Please visit this site to download the many useful documents I make available for my students and the recordings of pieces my students are learning.

You can also visit my new Youtube page to see videos of both some of my performances and some of my student concerts.



Keyboards For Sale

I have two keyboards for sale. They are:

Acoustic Solutions MK2054 - £30
(Keyboard only)

Rock Jam RJ661 - £40
(Keyboard and music stand)

Please text/phone me on 07815 003611 to purchase one.

Christmas Present Ideas

Violinists or Violists: Metronome, Music Bag, Music Stand, Rosin, Shoulder Rest, Spare Strings, Mute, Bowzo and new music.

Pianists: Metronome, Music Bag and new music.

There is a wealth of music available for piano, violin and viola. Please do check that you buy music of the appropriate level before purchasing anything.

Sheffield Music Hub Ensembles

Playing with other young musicians is key to strong musical progress and really helps to enhance the joy of learning to play a musical instrument.

Sheffield is alive with Music groups for Children and Young people of all levels.

There are so many to choose from: Rock and Pop groups, Orchestras, Wind bands, Jazz groups, Samba bands, groups for single instruments and choirs.

Find out all you need to know about the Music Groups in Sheffield at www.sheffieldmusichub.org



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