



Piano Spring 2024 Newsletter

Miranda Summers-Pritchard – Piano Teacher



Dear Student/Parent,

I hope you're well and having a great Easter break.

It has been a busy and productive term with many students working hard and taking exams. Please see below for more news on this. I have also welcomed some new students to piano lessons.

Please note that your child's **end-of-term report** is available to view on their Google docs lesson notes file. If you have any questions, comments or feedback, please either comment on the document or get in touch.

Are You Sitting Comfortably?

One of my students recently asked me about the height of her piano stool at home. It's really important to be sitting high enough at the piano. If you're currently using a kitchen-style chair, it's probably too low. You should never be reaching up to the keyboard, and practising in this position will likely lead to poor development of technique. Piano stools are expensive, but you will do just as well with any height-adjustable stool.

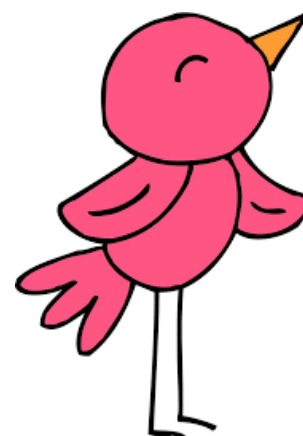
Also, ensure you're not sitting too close to the piano – your knees should only just be under the keyboard, and if you straighten your arms and lean forward a little from the hip, your fists should just be able to touch the piano lid/music stand. If your arms bend, you're too close!

Exam News!

The following students have worked super hard to gain successful results:

Norah Lever	Initial Grade
Rebecca Hallam	Initial Grade
George Drury	Initial Grade
Sophie Turner	Grade 1
Jo Keshishian	Grade 2
Thomas Willis	Grade 2
Sebastian Ball	Grade 4
George Benson	Grade 5
Darcey Scott	Grade 5

 **Well done to all of you!** 





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Important Dates:



Please make a note of these summer term dates:

First Lesson: Monday 15th April

Last Lesson: Thursday 11th July (no lesson on Saturday 13th July)

Half Term: week commencing 27th May

Autumn Term Starts: Monday 9th September

Deadline for notice of stopping lessons at the end of term: 13th June (fees apply after this date)

Goodbyes

This term, I am saying goodbye to Samuel, who has been attending lessons, I think, for fourteen years since he joined my under-5s piano group that I used to run. Also, Darcey is leaving this term. I would like to wish both the very best for their futures – it's been a pleasure teaching you, and you will be missed!

Finally,

If you have an upcoming exam, do try to keep your work going over the holiday, just a few short sessions a week will achieve this.

Wishing you a fun Easter break – let's hope the weather allows us to enjoy the longer hours of daylight!

See you next term!

Miranda

