



# Piano Summer 2025 Newsletter

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## Dear Student/Parent,

I hope you are enjoying your summer holidays, and apologies for the strange timing of this newsletter. I was waiting for exam results to come in and then went away on holiday, hence the delay.

As mentioned, a number of students have successfully taken exams this term. Please see the annual exam stats that follow this newsletter for some interesting facts!

Please note that your child's **end-of-year report** is available to view on their Google Docs lesson notes file. This is a more formal report than the winter and spring end-of-term round-ups, and I have a new assessment 'scale' which I think is easier to understand. Do take a moment to read it, and if you have any questions, comments or feedback, please either do so as a comment on the document or get in touch.

## Summer Piano Ideas

When the long break stretches out in front of you, you might find yourself at a loose end. Here are some ideas that break away from piano-lesson work:

- ★ Dig out your first piano-teaching book and work through it as if you're a complete beginner. I used to do this a lot when I was little and loved the feeling that I found it so easy when it had been a challenge the first time round.
- ★ Learn to play something from a YouTube video tutorial. It might be a chart hit, song from a musical or film theme, or even a video game theme.
- ★ Create something – make up a song or a tune, it doesn't need to be long. You could experiment with chords to go with it. You could collaborate with a friend who could write some lyrics. You could invent your own way to write it down so you remember it.

## Exam News!

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

Rebecca Hallam	Grade 1	Melody Allan	Grade 2
Daniel Hawthorn	Grade 2	Emily Hallam	Grade 3
Sophie Turner	Grade 2	Sebastian Ball	Grade 5

 **Well done to all of you!** 





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## Term and Holiday Dates:

Please make a note of these autumn term dates:

**First Lesson:** Monday 8th September

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

**Half Term:** week commencing 27th October

**Spring Term Starts:** Monday 5th January

**Deadline for notice of stopping lessons at the end of term:** 9th November  
(fees apply after this date)



## A quick note to help you stay organised!:

Below are the term and holiday dates for the entire 2025-2026 academic year. Please take a moment to **add them to your calendars** now so you have them on hand for the whole year.

## Finally,

Whatever your plans are for the summer, I hope you have a great time, and I look forward to hearing about what you got up to in September.

If you're midway to working towards an exam, try to keep everything going so that you can pick up again easily when you come back.

See you in the new school year!!

***Miranda***





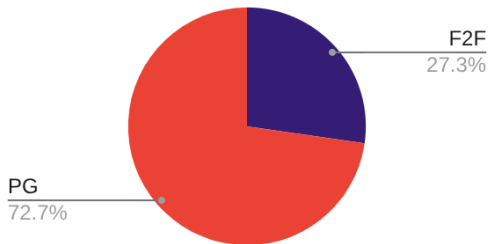
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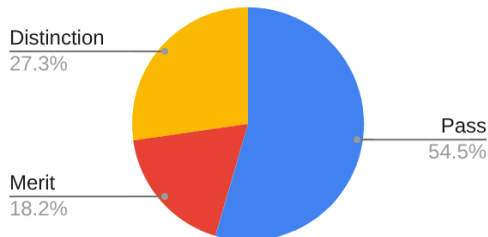
## Exam Stats Academic Year 2024–2025

F2F vs PG



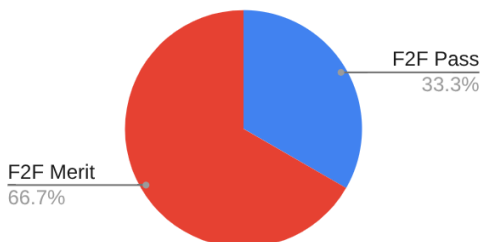
The Performance Grade exam has continued to be the most popular, with 14% more students taking it than last year.

Pass/Merit/Distinction Overall

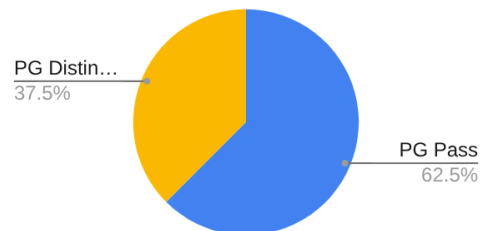


There are slightly more merits and distinctions this year and a much larger number of distinctions. This could be due to the increase in Performance Grade exams (see below). Once again, everyone who took an exam achieved, at minimum, a pass.

F2F Pass/Merit/Distinction

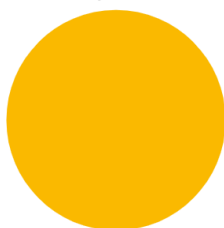


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The face-to-face exams have done very well this year, with two-thirds of students achieving a merit. The Performance Grade has seen a smaller proportion (37.5% compared to 60% last year) getting a merit or above than last year, but is still sweeping up all the distinctions.

Grade 5 Theory



One student took Grade 5 Theory and gained a distinction.



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## Term and Series Dates – Academic Year 2025–2026

✓ Please take a moment to **add these dates to your calendars** now, so you have them on hand for the whole year.

Please note:

- Term dates and series dates are not the same, but the number of lessons given does equal the number of lessons charged over the academic year. Invoices are adjusted for students who start mid-year and bank holidays.
- Saturday students are billed for 11 lessons per series to allow an 'occasional day' for the teacher. A minimum of 2 weeks' notice will be given of the date of this cancelled lesson.
- Notice for stopping lessons is required 1 MONTH BEFORE THE LAST LESSON OF EACH SERIES. Charges will be applied for notice given later than this time (see below).

TERM DATES: SERIES DATES (billing periods) week commencing:	
<b>Autumn Term – 13 lessons:</b> First Lesson: 8/9/25 Last Lesson: 11/12/25 Half Term: *27/10/25  <b>Spring Term – 11 lessons:</b> First Lesson: 5/1/26 Last Lesson: 26/3/26 Half Term: *16/2/26  <b>Summer Term – 12 lessons (Monday students – 11 lessons**):</b> First Lesson: 13/4/26 Last Lesson: 9/7/26 Half Term *25/5/26	<b>Series1 – weeks 1–12:</b> First Lesson: 8/9/25 Last Lesson: 6/12/25 Half Term *27/10/25 <b>Notice for stopping required by: 9/11/25</b> <b>Series2 – weeks 13–26:</b> First Lesson: 8/12/25 Last Lesson: 28/3/26 Half Term *16/2/26 <b>Notice for stopping required by: 1/3/26</b> <b>Series3 – weeks 26–36:</b> First Lesson: 13/4/26 Last Lesson: 9/7/26 Half Term *25/5/26 <b>Notice for stopping required by: 14/6/26</b>
<b>TOTAL LESSONS: 36 (Monday students: 35)</b> * Week commencing **Bank Holiday: 4/5/26 Monday students will receive a credit for the missed lesson on their 3 <sup>rd</sup> series invoice.	<b>TOTAL WEEKS: 36</b>