

MUSIC LESSONS AT ABINGDON SCHOOL

Why take up a musical instrument?

1. It's great fun!
2. You can play in orchestras and bands
3. You can make new friends
4. You can learn about great music
5. You can also play jazz and pop music
6. You can play music throughout your life

What you need to do

1. Try to play your instrument a little every day
2. Attend your lessons regularly
3. Try to follow your teacher's instructions
4. Slow careful practice is better than lots of unthinking fast playing

Parents – some tips

Please support your child as follows

- a. try to be within earshot of the music practice
- b. avoid activities nearby which could seem preferable or distracting (TV etc.)
- c. be positive and enthusiastic at all times
- d. encourage your child to follow the teacher's comments in the notebook
- e. a little regular practice is much better than occasional long bursts
- f. encourage your child to play to you regularly, ideally daily
- g. be prepared for those down moments when the child may feel negative.
- h. remember that anything worth doing requires energy and stamina