



## One-on-One Instrumental Program

### LESSON STRUCTURES

One-on-One Lessons are held as both ON-LINE and Face2Face lessons. Regardless of whether the student is in the studio or via a virtual connection, the lesson structure remains the same.

Lessons are separated into Sightreading, Technique and Songs. The ratio of how much time is spent on each section changes as the student progresses through the syllabus.

**1. SIGHTREADING:** All students start here. This gives each child the foundations they will need to progress on their instrument. Lessons in notation, rhythm and counting and specially written pieces in our LITTLE MUSOS exercise books ensure that the kids progress with a complete understanding of their new skills. We treat reading music the same as learning a new language. Repetition is a key ingredient as well as consistent re-enforcement of musical terminology and symbols.

**2. TECHNIQUE:** We keep a close eye on how our students approach playing their instrument. Little things like how they hold their Pic or Drum stick or even posture, play a huge role in how their overall style will develop. Very early on we begin targeted speed & accuracy exercises that not only empower the kids to practice more but force correct technique.

**3. Songs:** We begin songs very early on with our specially composed pieces in our LITTLE MUSOS exercise books. But we do aim to get the students picking songs they love as quickly as possible! Every song that student picks is charted and broken down into bite-sized pieces to ensure the student not only plays it correctly and quickly but understands the correlation between the song and individual skills and techniques. This enables them to turn over songs a lot faster than just learning the song 'note for note'.

#### GRADING & TESTING

Students partake in a grading system similar to those in martial arts classes. Students earn physical guitar pics. Advancing through the colour grades with each competency test. Gradings happen once a student has completed the Chapter in their workbook. Each book contains two chapters. Once a student attains their 'Black Pic', they move onto Advanced playing techniques & improvisation. The colour grades are White, Yellow, Orange, Green, Blue, Purple, Red, Brown & Black.

#### HOME PRACTICE

Each student is given access to our LITTLE MUSOS website. Online they have access to our play-along videos, Kahoot games and additional worksheets. We also have a huge range of target exercises & explanations to assist students in developing technique and learning songs. Our online assets are used to assign and track weekly homework.

