Teaching Online
Flexible music tuition for all
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Online Learning is Commonplace
And often far more familiar to the student than the teacher
Why Choose Online Tuition?

Geographic Obstacles → Logistical Obstacles → Health Reasons → Supplement to in person learning → It's LIVE!
The basics

Playing together is not possible

Simple things take more time eg tuning

The online space needs management.

Online and traditional lessons are not the same.
Which Platform?

- Skype
- Zoom
- Google Hangouts
- Facetime
- Musictutors.co.uk

- Use the One You Feel Comfortable with.
- Prepare so you are able to Guide the Student where necessary
- Services that do not require download are an advantage (keep it simple to start)
- Not all internet browsers are the same! Consider Chrome or Firefox.
Technical Set Up

- **Start Simple and Work up From there!**
- In built camera / audio are a starting point, some platforms support external audio / visual equipment for a better experience.
- Use headphones
- Laptop / Desktop wins over smartphone / tablet
- Ask students to use headphones too.
- Budget some time in the first lessons to give browsers permission to use mic and camera.
- Consider the technical requirements of the student and be prepared to help them.
Test Your Set-up

- Test your set up to get comfortable
- Be prepared for challenges
- Most Problems Are Easily Solved, keep calm!
Working with Students in the Online Space

- Safeguarding, Professionalism and Preparation
- The Lesson Itself
- Recording
- Conclusion
Safeguarding, Professionalism and Preparation

- Your duty of care remains, regardless of the location of the lesson.
- Teaching online should reveal no details about your personal life nor that of the student.
- Set your computer to do not disturb mode and ask your student to do the same.

- Lav en test med en kollega/ven/nabo/barn
- Hav forskellige øvelser og materiale klar
- Send gerne materiale ud på forhånd fx YouTube tutorials
- Vid at det sværreste er helt grønne elever
Before you get started

- Aftal hvilken platform I bruger
- Afstem hvor meget tid der bruges på forklaring vs. Spil
- Aftal om undervisningen skal optages
- Aftal hvordan betalingen foregår (forudbetaling)
- Lav teknisk opstart inden første lektion (10-15 min)
- Hav en back-up kommunikationsmetode fx telefon/messenger
- Setting: Ro på baggrunden, skal I stå eller sidde?
The teaching itself

- Alt skal være ping-pong
- Vælg korte øvelser og byg på langsomt
- Hold jerens aftale om tid brugt på forklaring vs. spil
- Hold evt. kort pause midtvejs i undervisningen
- Fokus på kvaliteten af læringen frem for mængden
Planning and Evaluation

- What went well?
- What does the student want more or less of?