



## Loreto Abbey Secondary School, Dalkey

### Re: Private music lessons at Loreto Abbey Secondary School

Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for enrolling for private music tuition at Loreto Abbey Secondary School. Lessons will commence from 02/09/2024, and we look forward to watching students grow in confidence, mastery and enjoyment of music-making over the coming year and beyond.

#### **Attendance and fees**

Progress can only be ensured if students attend all lessons, and follow the practice schedule advised by their teacher; a steady, regular practice routine pays dividends in the long run. Fees paid for private tuition cover thirty two half-hour lessons, to be taken over the course of the year. This is a tight schedule of lessons, and while this offers great value to parents, it leaves little leeway for students to reschedule missed lessons. Therefore, it is important to be mindful of the following;

- Your teacher will be in the school for 32 lessons exactly
- If you miss a lesson, the only way to replace that lesson is to avail of a lesson missed/cancelled at another date by another student, preferably in the same week
- For this reason, it is *imperative* that you notify both myself and your teacher in advance of missing a lesson, giving plenty of time for another student to take up that slot on the day
- It's also *imperative* that you watch your emails for updates on the day of your lesson as you may have a double lesson in one day, to make up time
- Lessons missed with no notice will not be replaced (and are a waste of your teacher's time!)
- If three consecutive lessons are missed with no prior notice, the student risks losing their place in the private lessons programme.
- If you decide not to continue with lessons in the 2nd term, notice in writing must be given to me no later than 15th December, 2024

#### **Performance opportunities for students**

Public performance and exam opportunities are optional and will be offered to all private music students. These include Leinster School of Music (LSM) exams in November or May, and competitive music festivals throughout the year, including Feis Ceoil. In addition, the school offers many other performance opportunities and creative musical group activities, and we encourage all students to get involved as much as possible. These include;

- Trad Group - Monday Lunchtime, E01
- School Choir - Tuesday Morning 8am, Concert Hall

- Musical Theatre Club - Tuesday Lunchtime, Dance Studio
- School Orchestra - Thursday morning, 8am, E01
- Song-writing Club - Thursday Lunchtime - Music Room

**(Days, times and locations changeable according to demand this September)**

**Participation in these activities are what music lessons are really all about - bringing the learning to life and making friends through group experiences. Please encourage your daughter to join in any or all of these activities!**

Your signature below indicates your understanding of the commitment required, and your acceptance of the terms as outlined above.

We look forward to an enjoyable, rewarding and musical year for all students.

Musically yours,

Naoimh Penston  
Music coordinator, Loreto Abbey Secondary School.

Signature of student: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_