

Dear Parents & Carers,

And that's a wrap! The academic year of 2022/23 is DONE. It's whizzed by!

EXAM SUCCESS

A massive well done to all students who've taken their exams in recent months. We've had some great success.

Daniel – Grade 8

Alfie – Grade 8

Thomas – Grade 3

Isaac – Grade 1

Tilly – Drums Method

Harry – Drums Method

Isaac – Drums Method

Daniel – Drums Method

If you'd like more information about entering your child for exam, please get in touch.



Read the Newbury Weekly News article and watch a video interview with Alfie here:

<https://www.newburytoday.co.uk/news/video-12-year-old-drummer-makes-speedy-recovery-to-pass-gra-9321309/>

ALFIE

A special mention goes to Alfie who passed his Grade 8 exam with High Merit at the age of 12! Not to mention he's only learnt for 4 years...! He's a talented drummer and works extremely hard with his practise. He was in hospital 3-weeks before the exam which put the exam in jeopardy. He overcame this and did so well. It's crazy to think, if he's this good after 4 years of learning, how good will he be in another 4 years' time? It's a pleasure to have been part of his journey. Well done, Alfie!



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STUDENT SHOWCASE

Well done to all students who took part at the second Drum With Alex Student Showcase at HMV in Newbury. You rock! It was great to see so many drummers take part and meet families. Thank you to Gav Wilkinson for the lovely photos. More photos will be available on the Drum With Alex Facebook page.



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY'S & CONCERTS

Well done to all students who performed in school assembly's and concerts this term. It's boosted their confidence and given them a great sense of achievement. Great job!

GOODBYES

Good luck and goodbye to students leaving us this summer. Thank you for taking lessons with us, we wish you all the very best at secondary school!

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all parents and carers, tutors, schoolteachers, and office staff for making this year run smoothly. Music lessons wouldn't happen without you!



NEW TUTOR

I'm delighted to welcome new tutor, Dean Jones, to the DWA family. He'll be teaching drums at Great Shefford from September. Welcome aboard, Dean!



ABOUT

Dean Jones gained a BA Hons at Kingston for Music in 1998 and has been working in the Music education sector ever since. He works in several schools, delivering music workshops and delivering an instrumental tuition programme. He teaches Piano, Drums and Brass as well as Theory and Composition. In the past 2 years, he has been pioneering music-based initiatives for wellbeing and personal development focusing on his passion for 'Enhancing Communities through Music'.

NEW IDEAS – LET ME KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS

I'd love to hear your thoughts on these ideas for next year.

- Trip to a recording studio?
- Visit to a music store/shop?
- Monthly online group session for students to inspire their learning?
- Podcast with FAQs and interviews?

Let me know! I'd love to keep improving your experience.

SOCIAL MEDIA

There's a lot of activity on social media such as practise tips, warm up videos, and competitions. Please follow @drumwithalex on Facebook and Instagram.



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PROGRESS REPORTS

Summer progress reports have been emailed to you. There will be another one at Christmas.

EMAIL REMINDERS

Weekly email reminders are now being sent to you via the MyMusicStaff website. This is to improve our communication.

DIRECT DEBITS

We are switching to monthly direct debit payments in September. I'll send you a payment link at the start of September to organise it between us.



Prices per month:

30-minute group lessons	£33
20-minute individual lessons	£49
30-minute lessons	£66
60-minute lessons	£129

Sibling discount is available at 20%.

Read the full terms and conditions here: <https://www.drumwithalex.com/terms-conditions/>



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SUMMER EVENTS

I enjoyed taking part in summer events at Thatcham Park Primary and The Winchcombe School this summer, hosting a drumming stand for children to try-out the instrument. If you'd like us to take part in your school's event, please get in touch.



TASTER SESSIONS

Interest has been high for lessons in September. We will host a free, no obligation taster lesson for children before they commit to signing up. Places at some schools are extremely limited so if you're child's not lucky this time round they will go on a waiting list. Details about the taster lessons will be sent at the start of September.

FINALLY

I hope you have a wonderful summer break. I'm away during August, but if you have any questions, I will check my emails sporadically (support@drumwithalex.com). No question is a silly one!

Thank you for choosing to take lessons with us.

Speak to you in September!

Kind regards,

Alex



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TESTIMONIALS

"Learning drums has really helped develop Henry's focus and gives him the drive to keep working on something knowing that eventually he will get there. Thanks for everything you do, he loves drumming!"

Tilly Shale

"Cooper has really enjoyed his lessons with Andy, he's gained a load of confidence and looks forward to it each week."

Ollie Ansell

"Aidan absolutely loves his lessons. He has grown in confidence since starting to play the drums and his coordination is really improving as well. Many thanks for making my boy smile and wanting to show his skills to others."

Fiona Black

"Thank you again for being so lovely and helping him find something he is genuinely passionate about. I love how I never have to ask him to practice, he does it everyday without fail and he's even started making his own music bless him!"

Dani de Croos

"I'm very happy he has found music, an instrument, and a cool mentor. Balthazar came home played some of Seven Nation Army only last week, a song I knew but not by name, he has rock in his soul. "

Thomas Sanders Corridan

"Thank you again for teaching Oliver. He has loved your lessons and is sad to be leaving. "

Debbie Jones

