



THE BRITISH
SCHOOL
OF BEIJING, SANLITUN

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Individual Music Programmes (IMPs)

Our skilled and experienced instrumental teachers work with children and parents to ensure that high quality teaching and learning is taking place in fun, engaging lessons.



- Nicolas is originally from Athens, Greece but has lived and worked all over the world as a musician and teacher.
- He studied Philosophy in Athens Kapodistrian University and Music in the National Conservatory and in Berkley College of Music.
- Nicolas is a multi-instrumentalist and has a real passion for traditional Greek instruments.
- Nicolas loves to teach and his passion for music inspires all of the children in his lessons.

Mr Nicolas Dimakopoulos

(Guitar, Ukulele, Drums, Percussion, Saxophone)

guitarnicolas134@yahoo.com

“Music is the moonlight in the dark side of life....Teaching Music makes this light brighter..”



- Born and raised in Beijing, Andrew has been playing music from the age of 5.
- He studied piano performance at the China Conservatory of Music and is in high demand as a performer, be it for festivals, concerts, TV or radio (or even the occasional school concert!).
- Despite his busy schedule, Andrew teaches at BSB Sanlitun for 3 days a week.
- He has great energy and enthusiasm which make his lessons fun and interesting for children.

Mr Andrew He

(Piano/Trumpet) andrew.he@britishschool.org.cn

“I grew up with music all around me. I have a great amount of passion and enthusiasm for music and teaching allows me to pass that passion on to others.”



- Star Zhang has studied Flute in the prestigious Central Conservatory of Music in Beijing and has since worked as a musician and teacher.
- Along with 1:1 lessons, Star has a background directing small ensembles and orchestras.
- She is hugely popular with the children who love learning new tunes in her lessons.

Mrs Star Zhang

(Flute/Recorder) zhangweiflute@hotmail.com

“It is important that children develop an enjoyment of practice alongside their interest in music and their aspirations to improve as musicians.”

- Coco has been playing piano from the age of 4.
- She studied piano performance at MINZU University School of Music in Beijing between 2003 and 2013 and has held many school concerts.
- Coco has a Masters degree in Education Administration from Renmin University of China School of Education.
- She already has over 7 years' experience teaching 1:1 lessons as a piano teacher.

Miss Coco Hong

(Piano) cocohong1124@163.com

“Interest and musicality are crucial in piano learning. I hope students can really enjoy the music while practising their skills..”



- Graduated from Wuhan Conservatory Of Music
- Teaches 1:1 lessons at BSB, Shunyi and WAB for the last 5 years
- Fiona emphasises the importance of enjoyment when learning the violin, setting learning goals with students according to their individual interests and abilities.

Miss Fiona

(Violin) 18310666373@163.com

“My aim is to help students experience the joy that comes from playing music.”

How IMPs Works

- Children have 1 x 30 minute lesson each week on the same day.
- Lesson times are rotated throughout the term, which means that children don't miss the same lesson each week.
- Class teachers are informed of lesson times for the children in their class.
- Children in KS1 will be escorted to their lessons. Children in KS2 will make their own way to the lesson, with reminders from their class teachers and TAs.
- Children will be given an IMPs book in which music, notes from teachers and practice logs can be written. These will be sent home with children and should be brought in for every lesson.
- Parents are welcome to email IMPs teachers with questions about the lessons.
- You can contact your child's IMPs teacher directly via email with queries relating to lessons and practice/homework.

Procedures for Absences

- Time is allocated at the end of each term to allow IMPs teachers to make up lessons missed over the course of the term.
- If a child is absent from school for a day due to illness, he/she will have lessons made up at some other point in the term.
- If a child is absent for **2 consecutive weeks or more** due to illness, the first lesson only will be made up.
- If a child misses a lesson due to a school-based activity (e.g a sports tournament), the lesson will be made up.
- If a child misses a lesson due to IMPs teacher absence, the lesson will be made up.
- If a child goes on holiday during the lesson day, the lesson will not be made up.



If you have general queries about IMPs please contact the Head of Performing Arts:

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