

Welcome!



Everything you need to know up front

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Hello,

Welcome to The Shui Studio! We are so happy that you are joining our community.

It is our commitment to provide your child(ren) with the highest quality piano education experience. We take an 'above-and-beyond' approach in our Studio, whether it is our staff, rates or policies.

We are a business that provides a service and we strive to go out of our way to serve you.

Welcome aboard!

Practising at Home

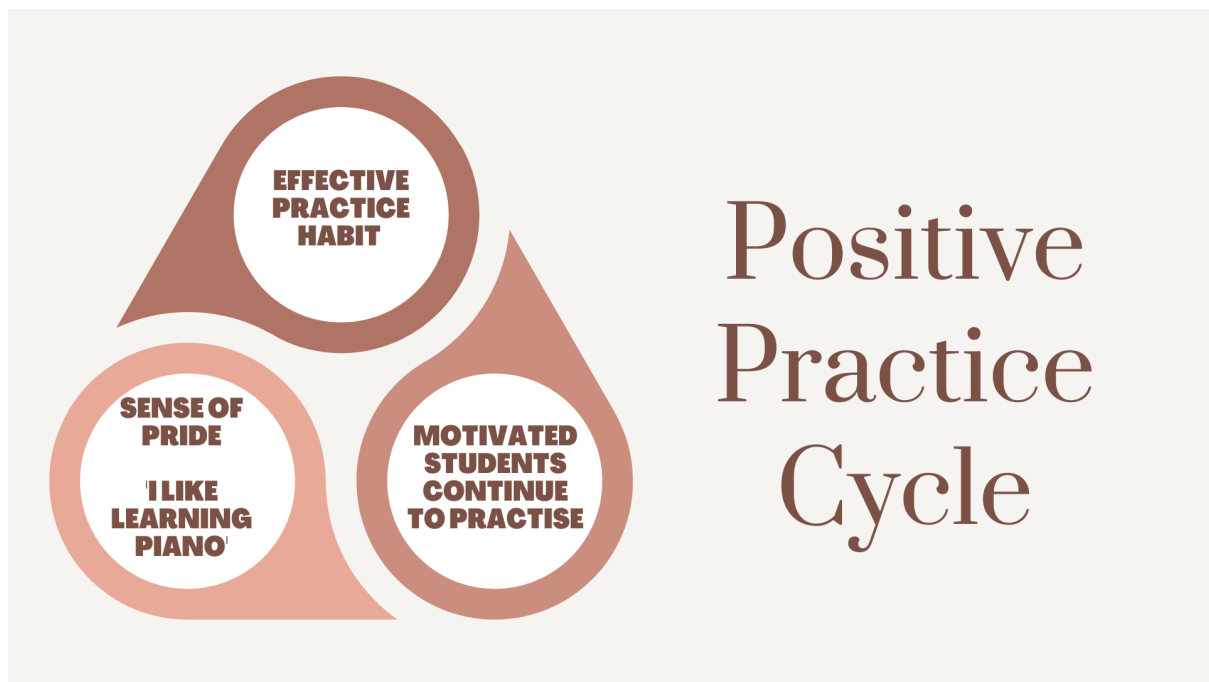
What does success look like when it comes to piano lessons and piano playing?

Every parent we have met has agreed that s/he would like the child(ren) to attain a certain level of proficiency and to enjoy playing the piano.

In other words, they don't want their child(ren) to feel 'stuck' nor to feel unhappy.

We do our best to teach with passion, but what can you do as a parent to help?

The best thing you can do is help set up a realistic practice routine at home. This includes helping the child(ren) set up a regular and daily (or at least five times a week) time slot. This can even be five minutes per day to start. The most important thing is to make it a habit.



The Shui Studio Rates and Policies

Rates

- All payments are processed on the first of every month
- The monthly charge for each student is as follows:
 - 30-minute weekly lesson: £45
 - 45-minute weekly lesson: £65
 - 60-minute weekly lesson: £85
- If a student joins the Studio part-way through a month, the monthly tuition is adjusted to as a percentage of classes of the month
- If a student discontinues with the Studio part way through the month, your account will be adjusted to reflect the percentage of classes attended. A refund will then be issued.

Payment method

The Shui Studio bills on a monthly basis and operates in three terms during the academic year (fall, spring, and summer). Every term has 12 classes. Monthly payments are the same each month (except August, when the Studio takes the whole month off). Payments are taken via PayPal or bank transfer.

Lesson Calendar

- Every term contains 12 lessons (in-person and/or online)
- Studio holidays will be taken each term, and these will be reflected on the calendar; however, this will not reduce the number of classes per term

Discontinuing with the Studio

If a family wishes to discontinue, a written request via e-mail is required 14 days prior to termination date.

Buying a Piano

If you buy something like this..... 61-key piano (or fewer!) – It is not a piano



Pros:

- *Affordable, small and portable (£60-£140)*

Cons:

- *Poor sound quality, the keys don't feel the same as a proper piano*

Why Purchase it?

- *Looking for an inexpensive keyboard to get the child started*
- *However, this is only a temporary instrument and will need to be upgraded after six months for a better music and piano education*

Popular brands: Casio, Yamaha, Korg

If you buy something that looks like this, this is a digital piano



Pros:

- *You get the sound and feeling of a real piano*
- *Compact size. 'Weighted keys' or 'hammer action' is important*
- *You can control the volume, use headphones and connect to a computer*

Cons:

- *Not as reliable as an acoustic piano*
- *Sound quality not as good as an acoustic piano, although still very good*

Why buy?

- *Meets all the needs of the student who is learning piano*

Popular brands: Yamaha, Casio, Korg, Roland

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Pros:

- *Best sound quality and 'feeling' on the keys*
- *Durable*
- *Do not need electricity to operate*

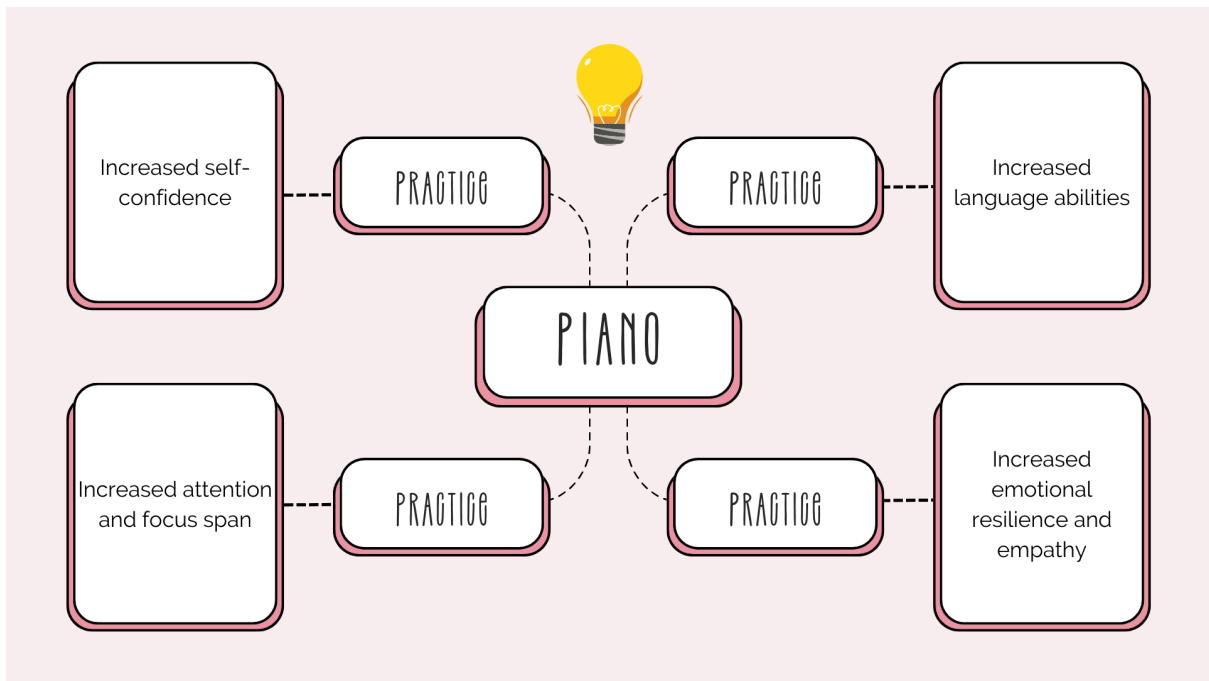
Cons:

- *Takes up space*
- *Heavy when moving the piano*
- *Needs to be tuned regularly*
- *Cannot connect to computers or headphones*

Why buy?

- *For serious students, the instrument can handle nuances of different touches, creating music expressively. Music is an art and this type of piano allows the student to connect with music at his/her personal level.*

Popular brands: Kawai, Yamaha, Steinway



Added to the list: creativity, coordination, logic, pattern recognition, memory, cultural awareness, listening skills etc

We are excited to be part of your child(ren)'s music journey. Thank you for choosing The Shui Studio.

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