

Dear

Thank you very much for your enquiry.

**The Suzuki method of education involves private lessons combined with group lessons for children.
It also involves great commitment from parents, and daily listening and practice.**

Lauderdale Information Autumn term 2017

The Lauderdale Suzuki Group is a music school run by a group of 9 Suzuki trained violin teachers working in North London. We have been hiring Lauderdale House, Waterlow Park, Highgate Hill N6 as the venue for our group lessons on a Wednesday afternoon for over 35 years.

Group lessons take place during term time. The pupils that we have as private students are expected to attend these group lessons.

The string teachers involved are Jane Afia (vln), Alison Apley (vln), Sharron Beamer (vln), Mona Kodama (vln vla), Elisabeth Waterhouse (vln vla), Miks Silis (vln), Amy Cluggish (vln) Harriet Benton (vln) and Mallory Hamm (vln).

All students in the Lauderdale Suzuki group need to become members of the London Suzuki Group (LSG), which is the organisation that helps us by subsidising our concert venue hire costs. It also puts on other musical events that your child can participate in.

If you are interested in the Suzuki method of tuition you are welcome to come with your child to observe our Suzuki group classes at Lauderdale House. On the desk in the foyer there will be information for you to take away and read as well as an Observers' Register for you to fill in.

Most of our string teachers will require a period of observation for at least 8 weeks. This is an invaluable part of preparing your child for starting private tuition with one of our teachers. We recommend you watch the early 4pm classes if at all possible.

Our Suzuki group currently has over a hundred families as members and our violin classes run from 4.00pm (for the youngest children) to 7.00pm. We teach 30 Wednesdays of the academic year.

Our termly fee includes a violin group lesson and a musicianship or ensemble class.

Admission to all our concerts is free.

Theory classes are also available to children aged 8 or over and there is an additional charge for these.

Special events this term

The Lauderdale Suzuki Group will be holding its Annual Concerts Day at The Amadeus Centre in Maida Vale on Sunday 3rd December. The younger children will perform in the morning concert and the older ones in the afternoon. Everyone is welcome to attend these concerts and there is no charge. Full details will be found on our website by the middle of November.

The London Suzuki Group also holds musical events during the term. Please check with their website for information.

The British Suzuki Institute is the UK's umbrella organisation and also puts on musical events during the term.

Please do check these websites for further information.

www.lauderdalesuzuki.org.uk, www.londonsuzukigroup.co.uk and www.britishsuzuki.org.uk

Regards,

Sara Hayes (Lauderdale Groups Administrator) and Jane Afia (Lauderdale Manager)

