

ONLINE PIANO LESSONS

Thank you for choosing online piano lessons with me. Here is a guide to help you get started. I have highlighted in blue the most recommended option that I usually use but you are welcome to use any of the listed components.

If you have any other questions please do not hesitate to message or call me.

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Minimum Requirements

Smartphone with a camera.

Something to rest the smartphone on so I can view your hands at the piano.

Recommended Equipment

Any of the following.....

Laptop (Windows or Apple)

Tablet

Desktop computer.

Chromebook

With.....

External Webcam / Built in Camera

External Microphone / Built in Microphone.

PLUS...



A stand or table to put the device on so that the angle of the camera is allowing me to see the whole of your hands and keyboard just like I would be if I was sitting next to you. Make sure you can also see your screen so that I can demonstrate if I need to.
(As shown in the photograph)

Also try to make sure the room is well lit and that the room is fairly quiet.

Video Calling

The most important software you'll need is the video calling app. Zoom is free, safe and easy to set up and very reliable once in the calls.

Available to download here <https://zoom.us/download>

Please download 'Zoom Client for Meetings'

You don't have to sign up for an account but I would highly recommend it.

Music Transfer / Annotation

There are a number of great apps to aid with sheet music marking and transferring of music you are working on over to me almost instantly.

Genius Scan or any scanning tool app such as Adobe Scan etc that is available to download to your phone that will take a photo of your music, and automatically remove the shading and turn it into a black and white PDF which you can then email over to me. I can then mark your music and send it back over to you after the lesson.

Or.....

Built in Camera - You can take photos of your music and email it across to me but this limits my ability to actually mark on your music a little.

In either case - Please email to garypiano@virginmedia.com ahead of the lesson. (Or use your video calling app if it allows photo sending)

Headphones

Whilst headphones can be useful, most people are happy to use the device's built in speaker. If you are using a mobile phone the speaker quality may not be of brilliant quality so this is where headphones may be useful.

You can purchase a extension cable for your headphones on amazon as shown in the example below...(many other places also available)

UGREEN Headphone Extension Cable, Car Aux Stereo Jack Cable 3.5mm Male to Female Earphone Jack Extender Lead for Laptop Mac iPhone iPad iPod Smartphone Tablet Headphone TV Car Radio PS4, Black (2M) by UGREEN



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£6.59 ✓prime	£6.99 ✓prime	£7.39 ✓prime	£9.99 ✓prime

- Distance Elimination: UGREEN 3.5MM Headphone Extension Cable is meant to extend the distance between your auxiliary audio devices and enable you to enjoy music on a high-end audio output device, such as smart TV to Bluetooth headphones/home Hi-Fi system, cell phone to speaker/car stereo radio, laptop to headphone/amplifier, etc. The 3.5mm audio extension cable adds more reachable space and offers more freedom for you.
- Excellent Protection: The Headphone Jack Extender Lead expands a female aux jack to your valuable auxiliary devices like smartphones, laptops, TV. Using the female aux jack of this headphone extension lead is good to protect the audio jack on your devices and extend their lifespan. It is much cheap to buy another 3.5mm audio extension cable when compared with buying a new phone/laptop. More cost-effective.
- Unparalleled Stereo Sound: The Earphone Aux Mini Jack Extender combines premium copper conductors, high-density PVC jacket, aluminium casing with polished metal connectors, provides outstanding protection to the audio signals during the delivery and offers no-loss and ultra-clear stereo sound experience. The stepped design makes the aux male jack fits snugly to your devices and ensures a stable audio signal transfer, allowing you to immerse in high-quality music.
- Remarkable Flexibility & Durability: Made of soft PVC material, easy to roll up this 3.5MM Male to Female Stereo Audio Cable without tangle. The aluminium casing and polished metal connectors is great for resisting oxidation and extending the service life of this headphone jack extension cable. Extended wire joints keep the stereo jack cable from bendings.
- Universal Fit: The Male to Female Headphone Mini Jack Cord is built with standard slim 3.5mm jack & plug, fits well to most devices, like Bluetooth headphones, earphones, headsets, laptop, MacBook Pro/Air, iPod, tablet, smart TV, MP3/MP4 player, car stereo radio, walkman, speaker, amplifier, smartphones like Samsung iPhone 6/5, Samsung S10/S9/S8/S7, Huawei P30 lite, Moto G6/G5, and other devices of 3.5mm aux jack. Note: Not support microphone function.

Compare with similar items

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Similar item to consider

AmazonBasics 3.5mm Male to Female Stereo Audio Cable (1.8 m / 6 Feet)
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On The Day

Once I am ready and have opened a new Zoom meeting I will text or message you the link. If you click on that from the device you are using for the lesson video call that should open up Zoom and connect without any other actions from you.

Make sure you enable your webcam and join using either '**Internet Audio**' or '**Computer Audio**' when it prompts you. (depending on the device you are using you will get one or the other.

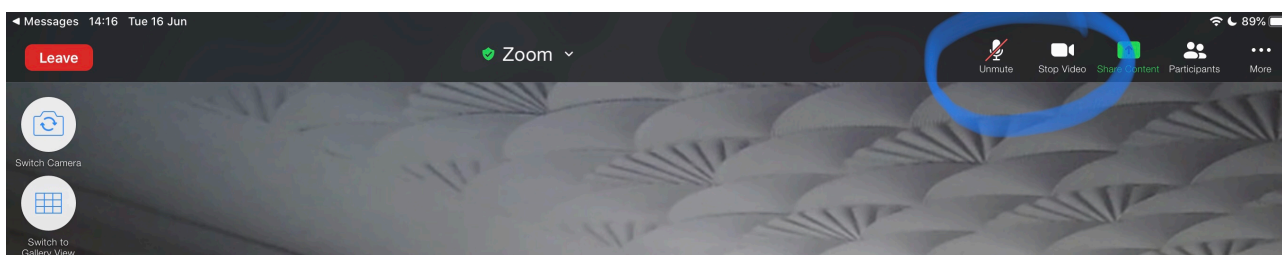
Zoom Setup

Make sure you have downloaded the app / software 'Zoom Client for Meetings' as mentioned on the previous section of this document.

Once you have received the meeting ID and link from me, clicking on that should initiate the meeting straight away.

Once your meeting / lesson has started you will see the following somewhere on your screen. It is usually at the top of the screen but if you are using a different device it may be at the bottom.

See the image below to make sure that your camera and microphone are both set to on.



There is also a button on the left to switch between your front and rear cameras if you need to adjust it at any point.

The video call is encrypted and is totally safe. No-one else except you will have access to the unique link that I share and once the lesson is over, that link will be obsolete and a new one is generated each meeting.