

## **Year 7-13 Guitar Work sheet 1**

### **Welcome to my first guitar update.**

I hope you are all staying safe and keeping busy.

As a rule try to play your guitar EVERY day. Fit the guitar into your daily routine. I am doing the same and learning a new skill too. I am learning the lute and when we are all back together I'll bring it into school and play it for you.

### **Challenge 1 part 1**

To help with your guitar practice I have decided to set you all a challenge every week or so.

The first challenge is to write your own solo piece of music. A composition based on how you are currently feeling. Use the guitar to describe your day, how you feel etc.

Your piece should include:

- At least 16 bars of music but you can write much more!
- Be written either for classical or electric guitar. Students who usually work with more chordal pieces could come up with a chord sequence.
- Try to write something you are able to play. At some point I would like to listen to your pieces.
- Make sure you set a time signature (how many beats in a bar)
- Electric guitarists can write in TAB if they prefer.

Don't try and fill the page, maybe start with 4 bars. If that goes well add 4 more. Who knows, you may fill it eventually! Remember, if you don't like it print another copy and try again.

### **Challenge 1 part 2**

When you've finished your Opus 1 try recording it or performing it to members of your family.

### **Focused Practice**

Every student I teach will be working toward a target, this could be a grade examination or new pieces. Unfortunately all grade examinations have been cancelled and those taking them will receive either a refund or voucher for their next exam.

I would ask that those students who were due to move on to get the new book and look at a piece they feel they can work through. Those not ready to move on should remain on their current book. Maybe start a new piece to give them a fresh target. The main thing is to KEEP PLAYING!

I am in the process of recording short grade lessons. One for each of the early grades. I will send links when they are ready. Trinity college have a huge bank of videos that can be accessed here. You can search the work you'd like to play.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TrinityVideoChannel>

OK, folks. Get composing!

**Please send your finished work to [jdraper@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:jdraper@nmpat.co.uk)** I'd love to see them.

**Parents only feel free to email me if you have any queries.**

Stay safe.

**Mr. Draper** (your guitar teacher!)

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