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Instrumental Music

Class Journal for

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**Tips for Practising**

Space without distractions

Music stand – can you see your music clearly?

Good chair & posture

Warm up

Set tasks

Something fun to finish

Perform for someone

Respect family & neighbours re noise levels

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#  **Cleaning your brass instrument**

You will need:

* Your instrument
* Laundry or bathtub for washing your instrument in
* Two old towels
* Gentle liquid detergent
* Heatproof cup
* A pipe cleaner or small, thin brush
* Old toothbrush
* ‘Chux’ cloth
* Slide cream/oil (trombones) or valve oil (all other brass instruments)
* Vaseline

Cleaning Your Mouthpiece

1. Place your mouthpiece in a cup.
2. Cover with hot water and leave until cool.
3. When cool, clean the inside with a pipe cleaner or small, thin brush.

Cleaning Your Trumpet, Horn, Euphonium or Tuba

1. Place an old towel in the bottom of the tub, add a small amount of detergent to make light suds and add enough lukewarm water to cover your instrument.
2. Remove all slides (not valves) and bottom valve caps. If something won’t come out, don’t force it! Place instrument and bits carefully onto the towel in the tub.
3. Let the instrument soak for about 20 minutes. Jiggle the valves every now and then.
4. Take valve caps from the tub and clean the screw grooves with an old toothbrush. Rinse, then place on your second, dry, towel.
5. Take slides from the tub one at a time and clean the dull bits with an old toothbrush and/or cloth.
6. Rinse, then dry the slides and place on your dry towel.
7. Remove the body of the instrument from the tub. Be careful! There could be a lot of water inside the instrument, so try to get it out over the tub and not on the floor.
8. Use a toothbrush or cloth to clean where the slides are going to go.
9. French horns, go to step 11. Everyone else, take out the valves one at a time and clean with a ‘chux’ cloth, then pull the cloth through the valve chamber.
10. Dry each valve and oil it. Then replace it, making sure the valve guide is in line with its slot. Repeat for each valve.
11. Use a tiny bit of Vaseline on the dull bits of the slides. Replace the slides.
12. Play a few notes to check that the instrument is working.

Remember, never use a metal polish on your instrument!

Cleaning Your Trombone

1. Place an old towel in the bottom of the tub, add a small amount of detergent to make light suds and add enough lukewarm water to cover your instrument.
2. Remove the top (tuning) slide. If it won’t come out, don’t force it! Carefully place it and the bell of the trombone onto the towel in the tub.
3. Put your main (playing) slide on the towel in the tub. For now, leave the two parts of the slide together, but undo the slide lock.
4. Let the trombone soak for about 20 minutes. Gently swish the main slide occasionally.
5. After 20 minutes, take the two parts of your main slide apart. Make sure to do this over the tub! Leave the outer part in the tub. Take the inner slide out of the tub and wipe it clean with the chux cloth.
6. Apply a thin coat of slide cream or slide oil to the bottom part of the inner slide.
7. Take the outer slide from the tub (pouring out the water), dry it and carefully put the inner slide back into the outer. Move the slide up and down, then place it on your dry towel.
8. Remove the bell of the trombone from the tub. Clean and dry it.
9. Take the tuning slide from the tub. Clean and dry it
10. Apply a smear of Vaseline where the tuning slide will be replaced into the bell, then put the two parts together.
11. Play a few notes to check that the instrument is working.

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY ISSUES WITH YOUR INSTRUMENT BRING IT TO YOUR NEXT BAND LESSON AND SHOW YOUR IMP TEACHER OR MAKE CONTACT VIA EMAIL OR GOOGLE CLASSROOM.**

**DO NOT TRY TO FIX, PULL BITS OUT WITH TOOLS ETC YOURSELF OR TAKE TO REPAIRERS.**

**If your instrument requires repairs or a service it will be brought to IMP office and you will be provided with a replacement to continue your learning.**

#  **Cleaning your woodwind instrument**

FLUTE

Using the cleaning rod, loop the corner of a small cloth through the hole and wrap it around the rod. Be sure to cover the top of the rod too, so you won’t scratch the inside of the flute. Carefully clean the inside of the head joint – be sure not to push up too hard as you may dislodge the end cork. Clean inside the main body and the foot joint. Remove the cloth and use it to gently wipe the outside of the flute to remove fingerprints.

OBOE

Gently shake the cleaning cloth to make sure it isn’t crumpled and will easily fit into the inside of the oboe. Carefully drop the chain/string into each section of the oboe, starting at the top. Pull the cleaner through the instrument a few times to dry any moisture inside. Then wipe the outside of the oboe gently with the cloth to remove fingerprints.

CLARINET

Remove the mouthpiece. Wipe the reed carefully on the back of your hand to remove most of the moisture. Place it in its case. Gently shake the cleaning cloth to make sure it isn’t crumpled and will easily fit into the inside of the instrument. Carefully drop the string into the top and find it at the bell (bottom). Pull the cleaner through the instrument a few times to dry any moisture inside. Then wipe the outside of the instrument gently with the cloth to remove fingerprints. Now use the cleaner to dry the mouthpiece.

SAXOPHONE AND BASS CLARINET

Remove the mouthpiece. Wipe the reed carefully on the back of your hand to remove most of the moisture. Place it in its case. Remove the curved crook. Gently shake the cleaning cloth to make sure it isn’t crumpled and will easily fit into the inside of the instrument. Carefully drop the string into the top and find it at the bell (bottom). Pull the cleaner through the instrument a few times to dry any moisture inside. Then wipe the outside of the instrument gently with the cloth to remove fingerprints. Pull the cleaner through the mouthpiece and wipe the outside. Either pull the cleaner through the crook or, if you can see it won’t fit through easily, cover one end of the crook with your cleaner and gently shake it to remove moisture.

Manuscript – for your compositions and activities

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