

CARING FOR YOUR BASS GUITAR

You are responsible to provide your own bass guitar, amplifier and jack lead (to connect the bass to the amplifier). These are not provided by the school.

Instruments are to be looked after appropriately by Band Members. The best way to learn about setting up your gear, general cleaning and maintenance is to have your tutor demonstrate. Below are some simple tips to help you.

DUE TO THE COMPLEX AND DELICATE CONSTRUCTION OF INSTRUMENTS, NEVER ATTEMPT ANY ADJUSTMENTS OR REPAIRS ON YOUR OWN. PLEASE NOTIFY THE BAND COMMITTEE.

GENERAL:

BE CAREFUL WITH ELECTRICITY: your bass guitar should be able to plug into an amplifier. The amplifier plugs into a power socket. Be extremely careful when plugging in and removing a power socket from the power point. ALWAYS ensure the amplifier and the power socket are all turned off when you do so.

ALWAYS plug your guitar into the amplifier only when the amplifier is turned off. Turn the volume knobs (on both the guitar and the amplifier DOWN TO ZERO) before turning on the amplifier. Then adjust the volume knobs to suit the room.

NEVER UNPLUG YOUR GUITAR FROM THE AMPLIFIER IF THE AMPLIFIER IS TURNED ON. THIS COULD DAMAGE THE AMPLIFIER AND YOUR EARS.

KEEP IT CLEAN: Don't eat, or drink soft drinks while you play. Food particles, sugar and other foreign materials, when spilt onto an instrument (especially the guitar strings), are difficult to remove and eventually will affect the playing quality.

AFTER PLAYING: wipe finger prints and other marks off the soundboard and fret board of your instrument with a players polishing cloth. It is necessary to remove perspiration as it has a damaging effect on wood, lacquer and metal.

REMEMBER: when practicing the bass guitar at home you do not have to plug into an amplifier. Unlike many other instruments in the band you can practice quietly.

Just remember, learning to read music and play an instrument is a challenging and rewarding experience. If your instrument is cared for and maintained, it will sound better and the satisfaction you get will greatly increase.

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