

# HOWELL'S JUNIOR SCHOOL



**More than an education...  
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## Suzuki Piano School

**"If a child hears good music from the day of their birth, and learns to play it themselves, they develop sensitivity, discipline and endurance.  
They get a beautiful heart."**

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## What is the Suzuki Method?

The Suzuki method, also known as the Mother Tongue method, is based on the fact that all children learn to speak their first language without difficulty or tuition of any sort. Suzuki believed that every young child has an enormous potential for learning and that no quality, talent or otherwise, is innate; it is simply a question of creating a nurturing environment to facilitate and fuel this process of learning, reinforced by daily training.

## How does it work?

- Daily listening to the Suzuki CD (high quality recording of the repertoire by a concert pianist) is crucial in the lead up to the first lesson. Young children especially experience a joy in recognition.
- Daily practice is essential in order that learning can continue at home, with the parent acting as a live-in teacher, assisting and encouraging the child.
- Group learning is fundamental to Suzuki's teaching. Group lessons normally take place around two to three times per term. Learning in a social environment with other children of the same age and ability is hugely beneficial.
- Termly concerts are a great way to celebrate each child's progress, as well as letting them gain performing experience in a safe, non-intimidating environment.

## Why Learn Suzuki?

Suzuki was deeply influenced by Zen Buddhism, where the centre of human existence is the 'life force'/the essence of being. Challenging mental and physical activities activate this life force, and this is reason enough for our doing it. This is backed up by numerous studies that link the learning of a musical instrument to success in other areas, through the development of the child's concentration, discipline, memory, time management skills... and many more.

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