



## ACHARYA JIALAL VASANT SANGEET NIKETAN

DEAR STUDENT,

**WELCOME TO Niketan !!**

***“A Guru passes on his knowledge of music to the disciples hoping that they learn to live the art”***

At Niketan, we follow this mantra to create an everlasting essence of music.

Music here is an integral part of our lives ...

We take pride in completing 86 years as a prestigious music institute.

We wish you ALL THE VERY BEST for your musical journey and hope that our classroom becomes a place where your musical quest finds its' destination!

**We advice all our students to listen to various genres of music, watch musical performances and regularly practice what they have learnt. Please attend classes regularly and take regular feedback from your teachers.**

### **PLEASE NOTE THE BELOW IMPORTANT TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE ACADEMY:**

- Students pay a minimum of 3 months fee in advance. Music learning takes time and can not be rushed.
- Students enrolled for more than 1 course in Niketan, has an option to pay the fee monthly, for all his/her courses.
- Two students from the same family, have an option to pay a monthly fee.
- Students should pay the fee between first 10 days of the respective month failure to which will incur late payment charges:
  - Rs. 100/- if the fees is paid between 11th and 15th of the month.
  - Rs. 200/- if the fees is paid between 16th and 20th of the month.
  - Rs. 250/- if the fees is paid between 21st & 25th of the month.
- Students have to take readmission at the completion of every Level by again paying the full registration fee at Niketan.
- Niketan batches run on a minimum number of students. Consistency in number of students is important to enable us in running the batch for a longer duration. If the number of students drop beyond our minimum numbers, then we will either merge the said batch with another on-going batch or else dissolve the batch. Fees can not be claimed for refund in such cases.
- Fee will be accepted through cheques and online methods only. We do not accept cash. You can hand over the cheques to your respective teacher or put it in the dropbox at your branch.

- For making **Online Fee Payment**, every student is given a login to the Niketan student management portal <https://ajivasan.myclassboard.com> .This portal will help you in tracking your attendance and the fee status at any given time.
- Cheques have to be favored in the name of '**ACHARYA JIALAL VASANT SANGEET NIKETAN**'. Please write **Student Name, Contact Number, Teacher's Name, Branch Name and Months** (for which the fee is being paid) behind every cheque you submit.
- Under any circumstances / conditions, monthly fees and the registration fee is not refundable or transferable. Absence of student is not valid for any compensation class or refund of fee.
- The classes which get cancelled due to natural calamities such as extensive rains, floods, earthquakes etc. are non-refundable and will not be compensated by teachers.
- The class will be compensated only if it is cancelled by Niketan. The compensation will occur only through policies of Niketan. Students can not claim refund of fees in such cases.
- Students who want to shift the branch (for e.g. Kandivali to Andheri) will have to send an email to [info@ajivasan.org](mailto:info@ajivasan.org) in the same email. Only after email confirmation reply, post discussion with the respective branch head, the shifting of student will be considered valid. Shifting will occur in the beginning of every month, hence the formalities of shifting the branch should be completed a month before that.
- In case you have missed classes for more than two weeks and you wish to make up the missed classes, you may:
  - a) Attend the same number of extra classes in a weekend / weekday batch, whichever is not your regular batch. You will not have to pay any additional fee apart from the regular monthly fee which anyhow has to be paid for the missed classes.
  - b) Take extra personal tuition from the teacher for which you will be liable to pay additional fees as per Niketan's policy.
- **In the case of absence for 2 consecutive months and non payment of fee, student's admission will be automatically cancelled and they will have to repay the registration fee at the time of resuming the classes.**
- It is mandatory to carry ID cards for the classes and all the additional events occurring at Niketan Main Branch, Juhu.
- On the loss of ID card, kindly inform your teacher immediately. Rs.50/- will be charged to reissue the ID card.
- **Please note that Activity Fees which we charge at the time of enrolment includes:**
  - Half Yearly Open House Riyaz.
  - Annual Day In December (Any additional contribution done voluntarily by any student / students, towards additional musicians / attire / etc, will not be Niketan's responsibility)
  - 6 Monthly Studio Sessions (Effective from Semester 102)
  - Free entry to Niketan Showcase Events: Retroites, Star Kids & Fest.
  - Discounted Tickets For Niketan Events Which are curated with various Maestros.
  - Semester wise assessments and reports (doesn't include the Final Level exams & certificates).
- For any concerns with the fee, kindly email us at - [admin@ajivasan.org](mailto:admin@ajivasan.org)
- For any administrative & faculty & related concerns, kindly email us at - [info@ajivasan.org](mailto:info@ajivasan.org)
- For Niketan events, or if you wish to host a music workshop inside your Society / School / College / Office, please email us at – [events@ajivasan.org](mailto:events@ajivasan.org)

## Rules for Trinity College Of London Examinations (Western Vocals)

### Guidelines for Examinations:

*Examinations and Assessments are not compulsory at Niketan.*

*Students can opt for any grade according to their level.*

*Students can also skip the lower grades and opt for any higher grades according to their ability*

- **Assessment:**

Internal assessments will be conducted once in 6 months.

External Assessment will be done by Trinity College of London.

- **Exam Structure:**

Trinity College of London conducts examination twice a year.

April and November for Rock and pop.

July and December for Western Classical.

Students must fill the examination form in December/January for April Exams and July/August for November Exams.

Trinity College of London declares the exam date 1 month prior to the exam

The Hall Ticket will be Provided by Trinity College of London, 1 week before the exam date

- **Examination Criteria:**

**The Student must carry an original copy of the grade book, Hall Ticket, Id proof in the exam**

The examinations are based on the following aspects-

Diction, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, mic techniques vocal behaviour and basic sight reading, Improvisation and singing playback

1 song from the book - 25 marks

1 song from the book/ any song/own composition - 25 Marks

**(if student choose to sing any song or own composition then students must carry the lead sheet with lyrics or the chord sheet with lyrics and submit one copy to the examiner)**

Session skills which contains Improvisation/Playback - 20 Marks

**(Note : Improvisation – Student will have to improvise on the Pieces given by trinity examiner it can be any genre for eg: Disco, funk, pop,shuffle,soul jazz, jazz funk,samba funk, latin soul etc..)**

**Playback – Student will have to sing the exact tune or repeat the tune by humming, played by the examiner)**

1 Technical Focus song - 30 Marks      Total Marks – 100

**( students should follow the exact dynamic and techniques given on the lead sheet and demo )**

## Rules for Prayag Sangit Samiti Exams & Assessments (*Hindustani Classical Vocal*)

**Examinations and Assessments are not compulsory at Niketan.**

**Students who do not appear for exams can still move on to the next level, but they won't get any certificates from Niketan / PSS.**

**1. Assessment:** To measure the growth and improvement of students in regular intervals of **6 months** we have class assessment conducted by another teacher.

-- Students can appear for Semester 201 assessments even if you have not appeared for 103 Semester Exams, **as 103 Semester Exams are conducted internally by Niketan.**

- If students do not appear for 203, 303, 403 & 503 Level Exams, **conducted by Prayag Sangeet Samiti**, you can not appear for 301, 401, 501 & 601 Semester Assessments.

**2. Exam Structure:** In 18 months we have Level completion exams.

**Level 1 exams** are conducted internally by authorities in Niketan.

**Level 2 onwards** (like Sem 203, 303, 403, 503 & 603) the final exams are conducted by affiliated board of Prayag Sangit Samiti, Allahabad.

Student will have to reappear for the Level 1/2/3/4/5/6 exams only in these cases:

a) If a student is unable to do well in either Theory or Practical Exams.

b) If students miss any one of the semester exams, **unless approved by Niketan management in writing.**

c) If students miss both the semester exams (E.g 201 & 202).

d) If students class attendance is less than 75%.

**3. Assessment Criteria:**

Students are assessed on the basis of following-

Sur, Taal, Syllabus content known, Attendance, Class teacher comments.

**In our assessments & exams, we only evaluate the student's progress & skills and give them feedback which helps them to better their musical performance.**

**4. Certification & Affiliation:**

Other than the Praveshika and Level 1 completion exams, all the other level completion certificates are sent by the affiliated institute Prayag Sangit Samiti, Allahabad.

**5. There is no additional fees charged to the students for internal assessments which are conducted at the end of the first two semesters of each level.**

**6. For the final semesters (03, 103, 203, 303, 403, 503 & 603) of each level, we organise written (except for 03 semester) and practical exams for every student. Students have to pay an additional exam fees for appearing in these exams.**

## NIKETAN CLASS HOLIDAYS FOR 2019

### January

- 1st Tuesday - Happy New Year
- 26th Saturday- Republic Day

### February

- 26th Tuesday- Vasantotsav

### March

- 4th Monday- Maha Shivratri
- 21st Thursday- Holi / Dhuli Vandan

### April

- 6th Saturday- Gudi Padwa

### May

- 01st Wednesday - Maharashtra Day

### August

- 15th Thursday - Independence Day
- 24th Saturday - Janamashthami / Gopal Kaala

### September

- 2nd Monday - Ganesh Chaturthi
- 7th Saturday - Gauri Visarjan
- 12th Thursday - Anant Chaturthi

### October

- 8th Tuesday– Dussehra
- 26th – 29th Diwali Vacations

### December

- 22<sup>nd</sup> Decemeber to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020- Year Ending Holidays.

For those giving exams: Exams will be conducted between 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec to 26<sup>th</sup> Dec, as per the dates announced by Prayag Sangit Samiti