Thomas Charlton- references

I would like to recommend Tom Charlton as a drum teacher. He started teaching our son Jamie Grieve (now 17 years old) using the Rock School syllabus around 9 years ago. During that time we have been very pleased with his professionalism and encouragement whilst teaching Jamie. He has progressed steadily over the years and is now about to take his grade 8 exam. We are hopeful that Jamie will achieve a distinction as he did in his previous exam. We are also pleased that his Grade 8 exam will give him extra UCAS points for his university applications next year.

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12 January 2018 Tom has been teaching drums to our son for the last 5 years. He has a passion for drums (and music generally) and this clearly shines through in his enthusiastic approach to teaching. Reaching exam milestones has always been achieved in a realistic and considered way, making sure that there is the correct balance between learning and having fun. Tom's easy manor seems to get the best out of his pupil, which is great as it helps to motivate the pupil to do the exercises and practice that are required to progress. His knowledge and enthusiasm have ensured that the lessons are eagerly looked forward to.

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Tom has been teaching my son to play the drums on a weekly basis for the last 4 years, during which time he has progressed from a hesitant Grade 2 up to a confident Grade 6 with a realistic chance of achieving a distinction in his next exam. Under Tom's patient and calm supervision my son Eddie has grown both in confidence and technical ability, with Tom also encouraging him to express himself and to challenge his abilities with new, more complex pieces. Tom is a flexible and passionate tutor and without him my son would not have progressed as far and as fast playing the drums. I would not hesitate to recommend him.

Jonathan Bruce:

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Tom has been teaching my ten year old son for just over two years and is currently preparing him to take grade 3 Rockschool drums. We have always found him to be enthusiastic and professional, as well as punctual and communicative. Having had a lot of experience with instrumental teachers over the years I appreciate how important it is for a child to have a teacher who works well with them, adapts to their needs and above all enthuses them. Tom has done all of these things and has kept my son keen and motivated for the past two years. I would have no hesitation in recommending him as a teacher and have in fact done so on many occasions.

Mike Hart.

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Tom has been teaching my son Thomas since 2013 age 9 at our house in Cobham. I found Tom very kind and patient, he's reliable, flexible. My son is now 16 and about to take his grade 7 drums and still loves playing the drums. He's in a school band too. Tom is always kind and patient, my son can be tricky being a teenager but Tom never gets upset with him. Tom has turned up to teach and if my son is being a little difficult, Tom would arrange to come back at a different date. I'm so grateful for his professionalism. Working with teenagers can be tricky. The main thing is that Thomas has never once ask to give up drum because he really enjoys the drum and seeing Tom. I couldn't ask for a better teacher. He also helped my daughter with her saxophone exams practice. He's one in a million drum teacher to have.

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