



CARE OF THE SAXOPHONE

- Wash your hands before playing the clarinet - no sticky fingers
- Make sure the case is the right way up before you open it

ASSEMBLING THE SAXOPHONE

- As a rule of thumb, if the joint seems too tight when you assemble the instrument, applying a moderate amount of cork grease will be sufficient. If the joint is not tight, it is probably better not to apply any. Twist the mouthpiece onto the neck.
- Now attach the neck to the body. This will be easier and safer if you are wearing a neck strap or harness. When you pick up the main part of your saxophone, be careful not to grab it by the key work. Then clip the main saxophone body onto your strap or harness.
- Loosen the neck screw and gently slide the neck into the receiver. The octave key should line up with the pin on the body. This should not require any force, and you can easily damage the neck if you are rough.

PLACING THE REED

- Apply minimal pressure to the tip of the reed. Line the tip of the reed to the tip of the mouthpiece, seek advice from your saxophone teacher if you are in any doubt.
- Place ligature over the top with the screws facing towards you and tighten evenly to secure the reed in the correct position. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6ewQTMb5M&list=PLR0wP9HtCRjQdBgXybcU9r1_oovLSjM8s&index=45

AFTER PRACTICE:

- Always use a small swab or pull-through on the mouthpiece and neck after use.
- Always use a pad-saver or pull-through on the main body of your instrument after use.

PLEASE NOTE:

Remember to store the saxophone in its case after practice.

USEFUL RESOURCES:

Assembling the saxophone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-87sd6t8so>

First lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMleowiZhk8>

Hot Cross Buns lesson: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RV9Y5EzJzBQ&list=RDQMpd43d97DGJQ&start_radio=1

Jazz Saxophone: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ALVGViyGGCA>

Saxophone Ensemble: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zv8UOcB3RoA>