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# Aubergine Parmigiana Lasagne

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**Preparation time:** 30 minutes

**Cooking time:** 60 minutes

**Serves:** 6

## Ingredients

3 large aubergines  
trimmed and thinly  
sliced lengthways  
4 tbsp olive oil  
250g vegetarian  
mozzarella, drained  
and grated  
50g vegetarian Italian-  
style hard cheese grated  
1 bunch of basil leaves  
roughly chopped, leaving  
some for garnish  
8 dried lasagne sheets (egg  
lasagne sheets work best)

## For the tomato sauce:

2 tbsp olive oil  
6 garlic cloves finely  
sliced chopped  
¼ tsp golden caster sugar  
1 tbsp red wine vinegar  
3 x 400g cans  
chopped tomatoes

## Method

The sauce: Heat the oil in a large pan over a medium heat and fry the garlic for 1 min until golden. Add the sugar and vinegar, simmer for 30 seconds, then add the tomatoes. Season with salt and return to a simmer for 10 mins. Remove from the heat and set aside. This can be prepared up to two days ahead and chilled until required. Heat a griddle or large frying pan over a medium-high heat. Brush the aubergine slices on both sides with the olive oil and season with a little salt. Griddle the slices in batches until softened and slightly charred (ensure the heat isn't too

high or the aubergine will char before it softens). Transfer the cooked slices to a plate as you go. To assemble: Place a third of the aubergine slices in a layer over the base of a rectangular or square oven-proof dish, then pour over a third of the sauce. Scatter with a small handful of both cheeses and half the basil. Keep most of the cheese for the top. Cover the aubergine layer with half the lasagne sheets. Repeat once more, then finish with a final layer of aubergines topped with the rest of the sauce. Scatter the remaining cheese over the top. After leaving to cool completely this can be frozen so it's a great dish to prepare ahead for busy families. Defrost fully before cooking. Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 6. Place the dish on a baking tray and bake for 30 mins until the cheese is golden and the sauce is bubbling at the edges. Leave to cool for at least 10 mins, then scatter with the reserved basil and serve with a green salad.

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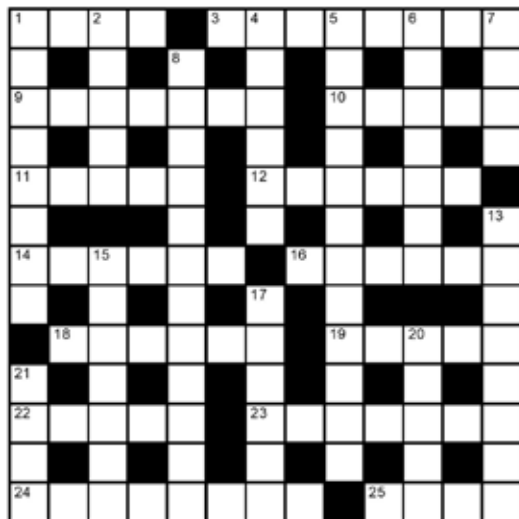


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## crossword



### Down

- 1 Devil worshipper (8)
- 2 Container for fluid (5)
- 4 All the same, however (4,2)
- 5 Mealtime etiquette (5,7)

- 6 Arrogance (7)
- 7 Large wild cat (4)
- 8 Seamstress or tailor (12)
- 13 Social standing (8)
- 15 Antennae (7)

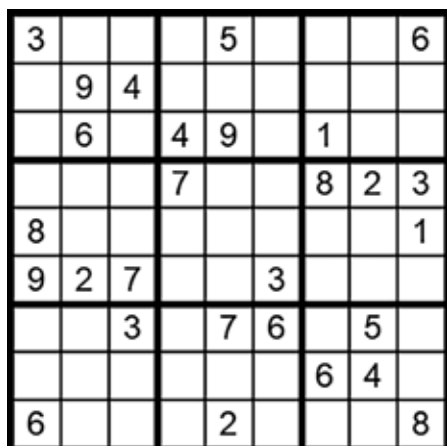
- 17 Clans (6)
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Dolphins, American football team (5)
- 21 Moved through the water (4)

## clues

### Across

- 1 Free from danger (4)
- 3 Upright, perpendicular (8)
- 9 Circus swing (7)
- 10 Game in which you shout when you win (5)
- 11 Without clothing (5)
- 12 Appeared to be (6)
- 14 Filtered through fine mesh (6)
- 16 Concern, issue (6)
- 18 Diversion (6)
- 19 Labels (5)
- 22 Predatory marine mollusc (5)
- 23 Highly seasoned Indian rice dish (7)
- 24 Old form of address for a woman (8)
- 25 Presidential assistant (4)

answer on page 20



## how to play sudoku

### It's simple!

Fill in the grid so that each row, column and 3x3 box, contains the numbers 1 through to 9 with no repetition. You don't need to be a genius. These puzzles use logic alone. Watch out! Sudoku is highly addictive.

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Husband and wife team Peter Angelides and Leigh Perry have both worked in the music business their whole lives both performing and teaching and their hard work and dedication has brought about the success story that is DMS. The school has organised many concerts over the years, with the first ever being in the window of Dorridge music school in Forest Court in Dorridge. Then it was on to Solihull library theatre, now the Core theatre, but the dream became reality when the first of many concerts entitled 'a fusion of music and dance' produced by Leigh and showcasing the schools students took to the stage at Birmingham's Prestigious Symphony Hall. It was ambitious taking on such a massive event with over 300 performers to rehearse and organise, with celebrity guest artists including Astro and Brian Travers from UB40, Richard and Adam of XFactor fame and of course rock legend Bev Bevan, but it was amazing when we walked out onto that stage. The concerts have raised over £14,000 for many local charities including one very close to Leigh and Petes hearts - Birmingham Dogs Home.

Bev Bevan drummer with Black Sabbath, ELO and still touring with local band Quill became the schools Patron 10 years ago.

There have been a few awards along the way with two in particular being really special. Leigh was awarded 'Business woman of the year', at the Birmingham Awards in 2016 and chosen for

the 'lifetime achievement award' in 2019 from Ladies First.

Pupils have come and gone over the years. We have taught children from 5 years old and watched them grow and leave for University. In some cases, as with Leigh's group 'The Elite' (a grade 6 and above ensemble) pupils have returned as adults with their own careers and restarted lessons, which is a lovely feeling.

There have been some real success stories too. Niall Fennell started learning drums at DMS aged just 7. He worked through his grades and as many of our post grade 8 students do, joined us as part of the teaching team. He is now Head of our drum and guitar department and one of his students is about to join DMS as a teacher. Niall is a talented musician and also joined a local band 'The Clause' who have been signed and are performing very successfully at festivals around the UK and Europe. They have also been featured on BBC Introducing.

Our new DMS juniors band known as 'GAS' recently won their school music talent contest! They have learned music from little 5 year olds, and grown into 8 year old mini musicians. They all gained high grades

at both their step 1 and 2 exams with LCM and are now working for grade 1.

Students travel to DMS from far and wide and 40 years on Leigh takes great pleasure in providing music education to all, personally still teaching 70 pupils a week with Pete teaching around 35.

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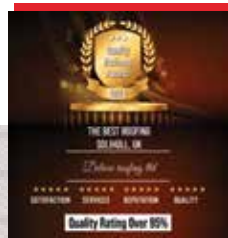
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