

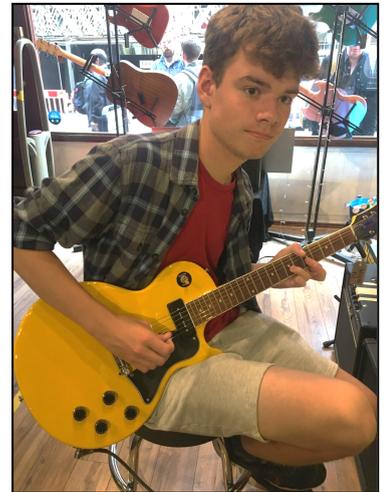
Summer/Autumn 2025 Newsletter

It's been a little while since the last newsletter. The last year has been a busy one and I have a few things to update everyone on including recent achievements, dates, and price changes.

••• GCSE MUSIC RESULTS •••

Congratulations to all those students receiving their GCSE results this week. These include some fantastic results for my students doing GCSE Music. It's been great to be directly involved with this over the last 12 months, including practicing performance pieces during lessons, participating in recitals/recordings in schools, assisting with digital compositions, and studying theory elements to fill in gaps in knowledge and help my students achieve.

A handful of my students are now heading to places such as Sheffield or Barnsley colleges to focus on Music. I have to give a shout out to Sam - heading to Leeds to study Popular Music Performance & Recording and who holds (narrowly) the record for longest standing student of mine, having been with me on his guitar journey since January 2015 - that's a decade! It's been a pleasure to see him evolve from a young, shy guitar player to developing his own style and musical tastes, achieving success in guitar (and singing!) grades, playing in theatre productions and as frontman at gigs, writing and releasing music, and more. Best of luck to Samuel for his future musical career, it's been quite a ride!



••• DATES FOR THE CALENDAR •••

Here are a few dates I will be unavailable for teaching:

Week commencing Mon 15th September, week commencing 20th October.

My last teaching day before Christmas break will be Friday 19th Dec.

The November
Showcase

With last year's success and positive reception, we are planning to hold the Autumn Showcase again in November this year. This will be a great point of focus for performance pieces over the next few months.

••• TUITION PRICING CHANGES •••

My rates will be increasing slightly from September 2025. In more than a decade of teaching I have only increased my rates 5 times; As always, this is not something I want to do but is necessary. Upcoming changes will apply for new Invoices from 15th September. Here are the changes:

Lesson Time	New Pay-As-You-Go Rate Per Lesson	Per lesson cost with 10-block discount
30 mins	£26	£23.40
45 mins	£29	£26.10
60 mins	£33	£29.70

This means an increase of approx £3.50 per lesson, with a block booking.

Block booking discounts of 10-15% will remain. All students on block bookings will continue to pay a reduced rate per lesson, whether that is a block of 6 or 10 (the more booked, the more saved)

These new rates remain very competitive with the [latest survey from ISM \(Independent Society of Musicians\)](#) detailing rates for music teachers across the UK, below the bottom 20% of private tutors in Yorkshire. The Free lesson draw will continue - with one randomly-drawn student receiving a free lesson each month 🎉

••• EXCITING TIMES AHEAD •••

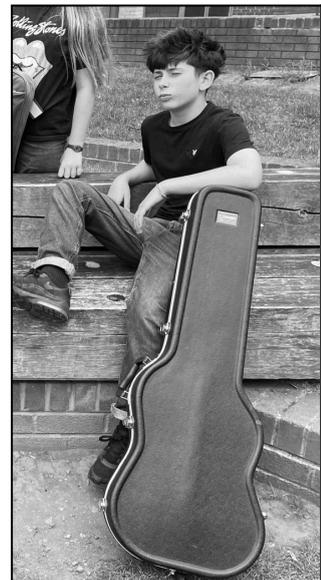
We have a bunch of Rockschool Exams coming up this season with some very advanced work being done for Grades 6-8. Let me know if you are interested in entering for a grade as now is the time to get booked in for this exam period.



I've been undertaking more and more recording sessions with my students who have the facility for home recording. This includes Drums, Bass, Guitar, and using Software. In particular I've been working on some tracks with my student Zach and his drummer brother Seb (right) You can hear what they've been up to at 9trackmusic.co.uk/hall-of-fame... but now with some fresh gear and new music written, the boys will have more Sabbath-inspired sounds to share and release in the coming months - stay tuned!



Ben (suave - right) has been jamming and performing for another week at [Rockschool Summer School](#). This is a great event with courses for children and adults that a few of my students have attended. Watch out for Ben and his friend Nikita at the Autumn showcase. The two pick some great songs to perform together!



The very capable Cailean (left) has been at Rockschool too in a tutoring role this time. He has work experience and other irons in the fire while he studies Music at Barnsley College. Just goes to show what opportunities come your way when your skills speak for themselves!

Thank you for reading and enjoy the rest of your Summer,

Jack