

MUSIC CLASSES

A - SING BLUES

This class challenges you to write and sing your own blues. Small, group classes are held twice a week. Knowledge of reading music is a must for these lessons.

B - STAGECRAFT

If you want to work as a singer in any kind of performance, you can develop your presentation and movement skills. Suitable for all ages. Evening and weekend classes available.

C - BAND LINX

The easiest way to make music with a computer. This simple, online course encourages you to explore and create music and practise your skills. An online tutor is available at all times. A great idea for amateur bands looking to improve their skills without the expense of a private tutor.

D - BLACK AND WHITE

This is a course designed specifically for the piano. Learn how to encourage improvisation and teach pupils creativity and improvisation skills. Suitable for classical piano teachers looking to teach their pupils how to improvise with more confidence.

E - HIT THE RIGHT NOTE

This is the first year of our solo singing programme. Suitable for all styles of music, you will be taught by a classically trained teacher. Gain a grasp of the vocal technique and skills required to progress as a singer. Perfect for beginners who are looking for private classes. Weekends only.

F - STRINGS

Strings is the third of our computer-based lessons on playing the guitar. Following the success of our first two instalments, this course improves the basic skills learned earlier.

G - KEYBOARDS

If you have basic keyboard and music reading skills, this is the perfect class for you. Suitable for students that have completed level 1A and want a class where they can play the piano on an individual keyboard.

H - WIND TIME

Gain a basic knowledge of wind instruments such as the flute and the clarinet. This course is suitable for beginners as it teaches basic skills in reading music and playing the instruments. Please bring your own instruments.

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QUESTIONS - Students

1 - **Rita**, who loves listening to the blues, attends drama school where she is learning to act, sing and play various instruments. She wants to improve some of her skills but doesn't have much free time. An internet course would be great as she could fit it in to suit her timetable. She is particularly interested in improving her guitar skills which are quite basic. She can't read music.

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2 - **Hannah**, who is a soprano and can hit the high notes, has just passed an audition and will be appearing in a Christmas performance at a famous theatre in London. She can already sing and dance but she would like to improve her singing skills as she has the lead role in a musical. She needs a class during the week but isn't available in the mornings.

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3 - **Manuel** has recently finished his teaching course at the music conservatory and is beginning to offer music lessons for young children. He wants to teach them to read piano music but would also like to teach something more creative such as how to compose your own tunes. He needs a course that will help him to learn how to do this. He plays keyboard in a group.

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4 - **Aneena's** mother plays the trumpet in an orchestra and Aneena would like to follow in her footsteps. Her mother has always encouraged her to have a go at playing the many wind instruments that she has at home. She is 11 and already plays the recorder and would like to learn how to play some other instruments from the same musical family.

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5 - **Carmen** loves the weekend because it's when she gets together with her band to practise for their small gigs in schools. They are always looking to improve their music but they can't afford to attend classes as they are paid very little for their performances. Perhaps there is a website suitable for this kind of group.

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BOARD GAMES

A - WHO KNOWS MORE?

A fantastic board game for the family. From 4 to 8 players, this game tests your general knowledge in areas such as science, geography, arts, history and film. Work your way around the board - the first one to answer all the questions correctly is the winner. Age 12 onwards.

B - PANIC

This new board game is played against a timer. Two teams battle it out to get their teammates to guess what they are miming within one minute. The team that gains the most coins is the winner.

C - CITY LIMITS

Build your own city as you win houses, hotels, apartment blocks, supermarkets and other buildings to add to your collection. Work your way around the board, buying as much as you can and winning prizes along the way. Be the first to build the biggest city. From 4 to 10 players. For ages 8 and over.

D - GAME OVER

A strategy game where you will need your thinking skills and resources in order to survive and win. Two teams - humans against sharks. Solve the puzzles to make it across the board before the other team gets the better of you. Will you be eaten by the sharks? Will the humans be more intelligent? Suitable for all ages. Minimum 4 players.

E - STRATEGY

A game to play on your computer or mobile phone. Use different strategies to beat the computer at this fun card game that will keep you wanting to try and try again. Choose to play against other online players too! Can you beat the record and get your name on the scoreboard? Age 12+.

F - PARLEZ

Parlez-vous francais? Or English? Or Spanish? If you are good at languages, this is the game for you! Hours of fun for friends and family as you answer questions and test your knowledge of different languages from around the world. Play in teams of four - a minimum of 4 teams is best for a good game. Age 12+.

G - PICTURE THIS

Draw your way to victory with this fun board game that involves drawing different things for your team to guess. The team with the most points wins. Suitable for all ages.

H - RAINBOW COUNTERS

A game about colours and sequences suitable for two players. Play against your opponent and try to guess the sequence and colours of their pieces. You will need to have a good memory and a lot of patience. You can play this game anywhere.

QUESTIONS - Players

1 - **Gemma and Maya** love playing against each other and using their brains to catch each other out. They are roommates at college and like to play a quiet game in the evenings after dinner. Gemma is very strategic.

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2 - **Patrick and his family** love playing games after a family meal. Team games are their favourite and they particularly like games where each team has to guess what a player is acting out. Patrick draws beautifully and wants to go to art school.

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3 - **Amanda**, whose mother is French, wants a game that is suitable for all her family - her husband, her 9-year-old twins and her parents. The twins like construction games and enjoy the challenge of making different things.

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4 - **Harriett** and her cousins are all 14. They want a game that is suitable for teens and that tests what they know about different subjects. They are all good at different things at school so they love playing board games and answering a variety of questions.

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5 - **Daniel and his family** love games which need planning and thinking, and they are very competitive. They want a game that they can all play at Christmas so it needs to be suitable for all ages as there are children and adults - 12 of them altogether.

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NEW SUBJECTS AT SCHOOL

A - WEB PAGE

This new subject teaches you everything you need to know about setting up and running a web page. Very useful for any type of project and for adding to your skills for the future.

B - COOKING

What will happen when you go off to University or start to live alone? Will you know how to cook? This great class teaches you all the basics as well as some more complicated dishes to impress your friends and family.

C - MONEY MATTERS

Learn how to save and manage your money. This new subject teaches you about the basics of economics such as how to pay bills, how to calculate spending and how to carry out different operations at a bank. Very useful for the future!

D - JOB HUNT

Learn all about what is needed to prepare for the future and for finding a job. This subject shows you how to prepare your CV, how to apply for jobs and what to expect at an interview. Practise being interviewed so that your nerves don't get the better of you in the future.

E - SPORTS CHALLENGE

This subject will challenge any lover of sports who wants to try something new and different. Try original extreme sports, different to those usually played at school, in order to challenge yourself physically and mentally.

F - HOUSE

Do you know how to change a lightbulb? Or how to fix things in your home? If you want to learn more, this useful new subject will teach you all about small household jobs so that you don't have to call for help every time.

G - SPEECH

Are you nervous about speaking in front of others? Then this is the subject for you. Learn how to prepare presentations and deliver them correctly in front of an audience. Learn to control your nerves and speak clearly. A different subject each lesson - great preparation for the present and the future!

H - DEFENCE

Learn about self-defence with classes on different martial arts. Keep fit and healthy as well as learning how to protect yourself at the same time.

QUESTIONS - Students

1 - **Patricia**, who has her own web page, loves anything to do with sports and finds that the P.E. lessons at school aren't challenging enough. She would like to try a new subject where the different sports are more varied and innovative.

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2 - **Anna** enjoys all the subjects at school but she has particular difficulty with speaking in front of others. Now that she is at secondary school, she is expected to do this more often and she would like some help in order to feel more confident and relaxed when doing this. She never has enough money to go out with.

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3 - **Maurizio**, who has done judo for 3 years, is off to university in September and will be living in the halls of residence. He would like to take this year to learn some self-survival skills, especially in the kitchen, as he will have to cater for himself while he is there.

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4 - **Ollie** feels that some of the subjects he is presently doing at school are not very useful for the future. He finishes college in June and will have to start looking for work. He would like to be prepared in order to know what to do in the event of an offer for work.

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5 - **Rumilla** likes doing things around the house to help her mother out. She has decided to do an electrical studies course next year and would like to choose a subject at school that would give her a basic knowledge of how to fix things.

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