

# MEET THE GUITARS!

## Electric Guitar



The electric guitar is a real icon and one of the most popular musical instruments in the world. It has been used in all genres from rock, pop, jazz, soul, reggae and beyond. Capable of producing many different sounds it is one of the most versatile musical instruments ever made. Many of the world's most famous musicians have played the electric guitar. Students will learn how to hold it and how to develop a secure technique in both hands, including using a pick. Students will also learn how to set up an amplifier to produce the right sound for a given genre. This instrument requires strength and skill to help develop coordination. It will also improve memory and concentration. You can learn a wide range of musical styles, with lots of opportunities to play in bands and develop relevant skills.

## Have a listen!



## Bass Guitar



The first bass guitar appeared in 1951 and changed the world of music forever! Now music could be led by a bass sound that was powerful and clear. Many guitarists and double bass players gravitated towards this revolutionary new instrument. Students will learn how to hold the instrument, develop good technique in both hands, how to read music and construct great basslines. They will also learn how to set up the amplifier to produce the right sound for different genres. Learning the bass guitar will help to improve memory and concentration. This instrument requires strength and skill so will also help to develop coordination. Good bass players are in great demand as they are essential for so many different groups!

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## Classical Guitar



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The classical guitar is a nylon strung acoustic instrument originating from Spain. It has evolved over hundreds of years to its present form which appeared at the end of the 19th Century. Despite its name, a wide range of music is played on the instrument. In Spain and Latin America it is the folk instrument of choice. The classical guitar makes a warm, rich sound and is played solo or in ensemble. The classical guitar is played exclusively with the fingers and not a pick. Students will learn how to read and interpret music from a wide range of genres and periods. This instrument demands great skill in both hands so will help to develop coordination. It will also improve memory and concentration and you will be introduced to a wide range of cultures. The softer strings of the classical guitar make it the ideal starting point for young children.

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## Ukulele



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The ukulele is a small guitar-like instrument introduced to Hawaii by Portuguese immigrants. Now it is famous as the sound of hula-girls and palm trees! In recent years many bands and singer-songwriters have started to make use of its distinctive sound. Ukulele lessons can be either in groups or individual. You will learn how to play a variety of chords and how to accompany yourself and others singing. Learning the ukulele improves memory and refines coordination. This instrument introduces you to other cultures, and is versatile as it can be used in many different styles. Ukuleles are also very portable so can be practised anywhere.

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