

Music Lessons : I'm currently available to give music lessons in Clarinet, Saxophone, Piano, Violin, Cello and Music Theory. I cater for people from complete beginners to those who are at an intermediate level (around ABRSM Grade 5) and I particularly welcome adults who are late starters to learning music.

Lesson Plans : Lessons are flexible and are planned to suit student's individual needs. I work with each student on their own plan to determine their goals and objectives. My aim is to create music lessons which are fun and supportive; each lesson includes a mixture of games, exercises, studies, improvisation, composition and repertoire. Every student keeps a diary which we update in the lesson; this helps the student remember what was covered in the lesson and helps them focus on current topics while practising.

Goals and Objectives : When considering starting lessons, I recommend you think about the following points. Discussion around these will help you discover why you want music lessons and help me create lessons which are appropriate for you to achieve your goals and objectives.

- Why you want to learn an instrument?
- Do you just want to play to amuse yourself or do you want to perform for others?
- Do you want to learn (or improve your) music reading or would you prefer to learn in a less technical way?
- Following on from the last point, would you be interested in studying music theory as a subject in its own right?
- Are you interested in playing mainly pop, jazz, contemporary classical, traditional classical or everything (or something else!)?
- Are you interested in taking music exams? (Some people thrive on exams, others hate them!)
- Are you interested in playing in groups with other people? (Even pianists don't have to be solitary souls)
- Are you interested in creating your own music (i.e. learning about composition and improvisation)?

The Practical Stuff : You can either come to me or I can travel to you. I live in the middle of Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, and this is a convenient location for travelling by car, bus or train. Alternatively I can travel to you if it's more convenient for you and it's within a reasonable distance.

Instrument Advice : One of the first things to consider when embarking on lessons is the instrument. It's difficult to make any progress without having your own instrument to practise on and for a beginner buying an instrument can be tricky. If you need any help choosing an instrument, or you need technical advice with an instrument (e.g. choosing a reed or changing a string) then I can help with this.

Qualifications : I have ABRSM Grade 8 in clarinet, piano, violin and cello and ABRSM Grade 6 in music theory and I am registered with ABRSM for exam entry.

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