

Mark Poole

I have been playing the guitar for thirty years, and teaching guitar for the last 10 years. During this time I've taught over 350 pupils in three primary schools and one secondary school (Hastings). I've also taught several adults. My top three pupils, now 14 years old, who I've been teaching for 5 years, are now at an advanced level and are regularly performing in their own school bands. My lessons, while following a clear structure of informal tests and fun competitions (which ensure pupils know as many chords, scales and techniques as possible) are always tailored to the individual pupil's musical interests. This basically means any song or tune they want to play (within reason!), I will work it out and teach them.

As well as teaching the guitar I have been a songwriter and composer for thirty years and have recorded two albums professionally: one as a solo project and one with my band 7Storeysoul (www.7storeysoul.co.uk). This is a nine piece funk and soul band which I have run for the last 12 years. More recently I put together Leicester's only Stevie Wonder tribute band 'Songs in the Key of Wonder'. On both projects I managed to recruit and work alongside some of the top funk, soul and ska musicians in Leicester who have played with famous Midlands artists such as The Specials, The Selecter, Showaddywaddy (!) and Mark Morrison. On a lighter note I write comedy songs and recently composed a humorous song and video for my hometown of Coventry which got a few thousand youtube views and a few plays on BBC CWR radio.

In addition to being a music teacher I also worked for ten years as lecturer and tutor in various universities, including Loughborough University and The University of Leicester. At Leicester University I designed and ran my own course on Popular Music and Society for two consecutive years. I have a first class degree and an MA from York University, and a PhD in the Sociology of Music from Loughborough University. My MA dissertation was on UK Pop Music and Everyday Life and my Doctoral thesis was a study of the Acoustic Music scene in Leicester'

I have an enhanced DBS and love working with kids. I have a great rapport with them and love seeing their enthusiasm as they learn new things on the guitar. I have two musical kids at home. My teenage son plays drums in school bands, and my 10 year old stepson plays keyboards. I enjoy teaching them both (when I can get them off the Xbox!)

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