

## Course Description and Outline

<b>Course Title</b>	Playing the Guitar - Beginners		
<b>Level of Course</b>	Beginners	<b>Course Code</b>	A4471
<b>Duration in Weeks</b>	10		
<b>Brief Description of Course</b>	<p>On this course you will learn how to use an acoustic guitar for playing chords, strumming, scales, fingerpicking and music reading. You will also learn to play a blues or any other tune and music theory.</p> <p>You will learn the guitar and music vocabulary and understand how to apply these. You will develop musicality and the ability to express yourself on the guitar according to your own individual taste and interests. The ability to play chords and melodies will be enhanced as well as the facility to play within a group with consistent timing. Rhythmic and dynamic knowledge will be applied so as to play the guitar in an enjoyable way. References to the historical development of music and its connection from different parts of the world will be shared with you to support your understanding of the style and technique. Diversity and musical inclination will be encouraged by playing different parts in the songs during group sessions.</p>		
<b>Entry Requirements</b>	A desire to learn to play the guitar.		
<b>Main Learning Outcomes for all Learners (Maximum of 5) By the end of the course you will be able to:</b>			
<b>1</b>	Play a scale;		
<b>2</b>	Strum chords;		
<b>3</b>	Play fingerpicking;		
<b>4</b>	Read basic music;		
<b>5</b>	Play a Blues tune or any other tune agreed with the tutor.		
<b>Equipment Required What will I need to bring to class?</b>	An acoustic guitar, a pen and a notepad.		
<b>What courses can I go on to?</b>	<p>Playing the Guitar - Improvers</p> <p>You may wish to enrol on other courses held at Idea Store Learning. Please see a course guide for further information or speak with your tutor.</p> <p>Your tutor will support you in researching these and other courses outside of Idea Store Learning.</p>		

### **What examination or assessment will there be and what will it involve?**

At the beginning of the course an initial assessment takes place to identify your level of experience knowledge or current skills.

The tutor will carry out informal assessments to check your understanding, there is no exam.

You will complete a self-assessment at the beginning, middle and end of the course and you will participate in regular self assessment.

Your tutor will let you know how you are getting on throughout the course, to help you work to your full potential.

At the end of the course you will receive written feedback.

Please note on all examination courses, it is a requirement that you provide photographic proof of ID. This is for external awarding body and internal invigilation authentication purposes.

### **How will I know I am making progress?**

You will have an 'Individual Learning Plan' where the course learning outcomes are shown and where you can set individual learning goals and monitor your own progress against these.

You will need to evaluate your own progress and manage your time.

Your tutor will give ongoing feedback and will keep you informed of your progress.

### **Is there anything else I need to know?**

To maximise your chances of benefiting from the course fully we expect you to attend **all** scheduled sessions and that you do so **punctually** and are ready to start learning at the start of the class.

### **What if I want extra support?**

Come and see one of our experienced and friendly advisors. For further information, email [ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk) and a member of the team will get back to you.

This is a brief description of the course content and is not definitive or exhaustive. The course content may be subject to change without notice however the details above are intended to give a picture of the types of activities which may be included on the course.

Course outlines provide a general summary of the contents and material to be covered during lessons. They are subject to change at the discretion of teachers to meet the needs of learners and should not be regarded as prescriptive lists of activities to be covered.

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