

## **RGC GUITAR INFORMATION PACK**

### **About RGC Guitar tuition**

RGC guitar provides one to one guitar tuition in and around the Eastbourne district. Students will receive tuition that suits their personal goals and aspirations. As well as individual tuition RGC guitar runs graded electric guitar courses which are certified by Thames Valley University and accredited by the Qualifications & Curriculum Authority (QCA).

RGC guitar is run by guitarist Richard Cruden. Richard has been teaching privately for over 10 years. His experience includes live radio, studio sessions, world cruise tours, live gigs, workshops, public relations and writing for TV/Film. Richard uses his wealth of experience of the music industry to offer advice and support to students looking to further their music career.

Richard gained qualifications in music production and performance and received the Guitarist of the Year award from the Academy of Contemporary music. Richard is fully CRB checked and holds public liability insurance.

RGC guitar ensures you get the best from your tuition whether you are a beginner or an advanced player.

### **One to one lessons**

One to one lessons are 1 hour in length held at Richard's home teaching studio. Each lesson is tailored to the student by focusing on their own ability and aspirations which encourages progress and achieves the best results.

Any ability is welcome from complete beginners to advanced players. Music theory and practical techniques are covered which include picking styles (alternate, economy, sweep, speed, hybrid, finger, travis), legato, whammy, tapping and slide. In addition you will learn how to apply and improvise these techniques seamlessly into styles like Rock, Funk, Blues, Country, Pop, Metal and Jazz.

As well as learning the guitar you can also learn about different areas of the music industry including bands, recording, live work, networking and song writing.

For new students you can book a free ½ hour taster session to see if the tuition suits you or to discuss any course options you are interested in.

For the lessons students are required to bring their own guitar and an A4 notepad to the lessons. If you do not have your own guitar you may use one of ours at the lesson but it is recommended you have your own to practice on.

As an introductory offer, block bookings of lessons are available in order to get reduced rates. Lesson times are arranged around you and are flexible. See the pricing list for more details.

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## Courses

Graded electric guitar courses are available and range from preliminary level through to grade 8. These internationally recognised courses are held throughout the year with an exam at the end of each grade.

During the course you will have a short assessment and a mock exam to ensure you are fully prepared to take the exam. Each grade has an exam book that you will need in order to complete the course.

The exams are usually conducted in March/April (spring), June/July (summer) and November/December (winter). Once you are ready to take your exam you will be entered into the next available exam period. In order to take the exam you are required to complete your entry form which is located in the back of your exam book and submit along with the exam fee by the entry date (see exam fee).

Supplementary books are available as a study aid for the main sections of each grade. These are not required but are recommended as they are a good resource for preparing for the exam.

In order to find out which grade is appropriate for you to start with you are advised to book a free ½ hour session with us to discuss all the details. This will also include a brief assessment to make sure you are at the right ability level for your choice of grade.

## RGC Online

On the website there are various resources available to help you practice and to keep you up to date with important information.

- **Availability**

Teaching is available on weekdays, evenings and weekends. Availability varies from week to week but if you would like a regular slot please contact Richard to arrange a suitable day and time.

- **Backing Tracks**

Backing tracks are available to download free from the site. A great way of improving your lead playing. Various styles available.

- **Exam books**

The exam grade books and the supplementary books are available online through [booksforguitar.com](http://booksforguitar.com). Just follow the links on the website to order.

- **Mailing list**

As a student you are automatically added to the mailing list so that you can receive updates, offers, exam times and workshop dates. If you wish not to receive these updates just send us an email request to remove your email address from the mailing list.

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## Pricing 2011

One to one Lessons	
Single ½ hour lesson	£15.00
Single 1 hour Lesson	£25.00
"5 for 4" 1 Hour Lessons (save £25)	*£100.00

\*The introductory "5 for 4" offer is only valid for new students. Normal rates apply once the offer has completed.

RGT Grades			
Beginner/Intermediate courses	10 lessons	Exam Fee (2011)	Course Book
Preliminary	£225.00	£33.70	£7.99
Grade 1	£225.00	£38.70	£8.49
Grade 2	£225.00	£42.70	£8.99
Grade 3	£225.00	£45.70	£9.49
Grade 4	£225.00	£48.70	£9.99
Grade 5	£225.00	£52.70	£10.99
<b>Advanced courses</b>			
Grade 6	£225.00	£58.70	£11.99
Grade 7	£225.00	£62.70	£12.99
Grade 8	£225.00	£70.00	£13.99
<b>1 - 1 course lessons (1 hour)</b>			
Preliminary - Grade 8	£25.00	-	-

Course books are available by following the link on the resources page – [www.rgcguitar.co.uk/resources](http://www.rgcguitar.co.uk/resources)

## Payment terms

Payments are made by cash or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to Richard Cruden. For one to one block bookings full payment is required before the lessons commence, this is payable on or before the first lesson. Please note if you book the introductory/10 lessons (grades), the lessons will expire if they are not used for more than 3 months.

Course fees should be paid in full prior to the start of the course or you can make payments on an instalment arrangement.

## RGT Examination Entry Dates

(Valid from January 2009 until further notice)

Examination dates	Latest date for receipt of entry
Spring: March / April	1 <sup>st</sup> February
Summer: June / July	1 <sup>st</sup> May
Winter: November / December	1 <sup>st</sup> October

### RGT Exams Conditions of Entry

- Please read this information before completing your entry form.

- The standard LCM entry form is NOT valid for Electric, Bass or Acoustic Guitar entries. Entry to the examination is only possible via the official form contained in the back of each RGT grade handbook. Photocopies of the form will not be accepted. Acoustic Guitar Candidates can also enter online via the RGT website.
- You will normally be given at least ten days advance notice of examination date, time and venue. The venue will be the examination centre operating nearest to your home address.
- Examinations may be held on any day of the week - including, but not exclusively, Saturdays and Sundays. Examinations may be held at any time during each two-month examination period; this may be within or outside of the school term.
- The exact date examinations are held in an area is entirely dependent upon the availability of candidates, the examination venue and the examiner. In fairness to all the other candidates in your area, we ask you only to list non-availability dates when it would be absolutely impossible for you to attend an examination (such as pre-booked overseas travel) as these specialist examinations are held only once, in each area, per session and we need to arrange an examination date that suits all candidates in a particular area. So cancelling out two or more weeks, all weekends, or only giving a few dates that you can make is not fair to other candidates. An entry form that blocks out unreasonable periods is unlikely to be accepted and may be returned.
- RGT examinations are internationally recognised qualifications, that are QCA approved and have been placed on the National Qualifications Framework with direct equivalence to GCSEs and A' levels, with the higher grades being awarded UCAS points valid towards university entrance. Therefore, as with any other formal qualification, it might be necessary to take a small amount of time off work or school, or to rearrange a weekend appointment, in order to attend this important examination.
- Once an examination is set up RGT will have issued a contract to pay both the examiner and the venue for the duration of each candidate's examination. Candidates who request RGT to postpone or try and reschedule their examination to another date and/or time will incur a fee to cover these costs and administration expenses. However, it should be noted that in some cases it may not be possible to reschedule the examination, particularly if no spaces are available in other examination centres. In such circumstances the candidate will forfeit their entry fee if they decide not to attend for their original appointment.

If you require anymore information please contact RGC guitar at:

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