

# MUSIC LEARNING CURVE

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## *School's Out for Summer:* Frequently asked questions

Q: Who are the teachers?

A: The staff is made up of some of the most talented and professional musicians/instructors at MLC Academy. They are enthusiastic and dedicated. Our guests are world class musicians who's credentials speak for themselves.

Q: What if I'm already in a band?

A: Sign up! It's a great way to tighten up what you are already doing and to collectively expand your horizons. You can also use media taken from *School's Out* as promotional material!

Q: What instruments are allowed in *School's Out*?

A: Electric Guitar, Bass, Drums, Percussion, Keyboards and Vocals.

Q: Is there any private instruction?

A: Yes, there is some. Generally, if someone is having a problem, we will assign a teacher to help. We also give clinics throughout each session. The clinics are to help musicians with projection and intonation, guitarists with tone and improvisation, bassists and drummers with grooving together and keyboardists with sounds, voicing and improvisation.

Q: Is Travel / Accommodation assistance included?

A: No, parents/guardians need to arrange for Travel / Accommodation on their own.

Q: Do I need to have any experience?

A: No, some attendees are beginners and have never played in a band before. They do, however, need to know the basics of their instrument they want to play participate and must bring any necessary instruments and amps with them to *School's Out*.

Q: Are attendees placed in bands with other attendees with similar ages and ability?

A: Yes, we take age and ability into consideration when bands are formed. However, there are many factors involved when putting bands together and therefore; sometimes attendees do end up in bands with wider age ranges.

Q: Are parents/guardians allowed to attend Rehearsals/ observe the activities?

A: In our experience, we have learned that parents/guardians being present at daily activities and rehearsals can be distracting for the attendees. We prefer for family and friends to save the surprise of seeing the bands live for the big Concert!

Q: Do I need to bring instruments?

A: Guitar & Bass players need to bring their instruments. Please see the check sheet for further details.

Q: What if I don't like the band I'm assigned to?

A: Better musicians are given opportunity to work on leadership skills and to bring other players up to their level; conversely, if students are having a hard time keeping up, the tutors will help them make HUGE improvements! If you're not happy, SPEAK OUT! *School's Out* is a microcosm of the experience of playing in a band; there are good times and bad times and it is hard work but, the rewards are tremendous! Finally, our tutors are here to listen to any problems the attendees have.

Q: Do we really get to choose what music we want to play?

A: YES! Your tutor will help you formulate your band's set, the only songs we will not allow are songs that use excessive profanity. We will also help every band to collectively write one or more original song.

Q: Are there any other activities involved in *School's Out*?

A: Not really, although we do take breaks for lunch or to get snacks. There is interaction with the other bands throughout the day as well. We do want our musicians to have fun -- but be prepared to work hard on the music!

Still not sure; give MLC Academy a call on 0115 941 7493. We're only too happy to help!