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# DRUMS - BASS - ELECTRIC GUITAR

## MUSIC LESSONS WITH PIPPA BECKFORD BA (HONS) MUSIC

Pippa studied Music at Oxford Brookes University. During her studies she undertook original research into rhythm and micro-timing, winning a monetary prize for her undergraduate dissertation and graduating with a 1<sup>st</sup> class degree in 2012. She also performed in a wide variety of bands, orchestras, and choirs and was the Music Director of the Oxford Brookes Jazz Band during her second year.



While studying for her degree, she gained vital experience working for the Yamaha Music School, teaching the Junior Music Course to groups of up to 10 four-year-olds. This was a holistic course teaching children keyboard skills using solfege and age-appropriate music theory to develop them into well-rounded young musicians. She has also performed on guitar, bass and drums for many musical theatre productions including We Will Rock You, You're A Good Man Charlie Brown, Fame and Hair.

Pippa started teaching at Wendover Junior in 2013 and holds grades in every instrument she teaches, including Grade 8 with distinction in drum kit. Although music examinations are not obligatory and no child is forced to take them, many of her students enjoy preparing for their certificates and Pippa holds a 100% pass rate with both Rockscool and Trinity, with the vast majority of the 130+ students entered to date achieving merits and distinctions.

Lessons at Wendover Junior School take place on a weekly basis during lunchtimes and the afternoon period and are delivered on a one-to-one basis so that each lesson can be tailored directly to the student. A total of 30 lessons take place across the school year.

Outside of teaching, Pippa is involved in other musical endeavours, running a home recording studio and also edits audio content for podcasts. Pippa holds all necessary and up to date Disclosure and Barring Service certification (DBS) and insurance via the Musicians Union.



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