

YAMAHA

YAMAHA MUSIC SCHOOL

at

FAIRFIELD HALLS

Yamaha's music education courses are a very special way to learn music. The Yamaha Music School at Fairfield offers courses for children aged 3 - 10 years old at the start of their course.



Yamaha lessons are comprehensive – much more than a piano lesson: in the younger courses we play, sing, read and write music, all at the appropriate developmental stage for the children. Students gain a real understanding of what they are playing and this shows in the very musical way that they play. Keyboards are provided in the fully-equipped Yamaha classroom – we can be an orchestra! In the older course, students not only play in both piano and keyboard styles, but also study improvisation, theory, keyboard functions, arrangement, ensembles and so on.

Parents are an important part of the learning process in the younger courses: in Music Wonderland, parent and child enjoy this really special time together as a pair; for JMC, parents accompany children for the first two years, and for JSFC, although not compulsory, we recommend that you attend regularly if you can. It's unusual for parents to be so involved in the child's learning: a lovely way to spend time with your child! We do not ask parents to attend PFK classes, but if you'd like to be there, please ask the teacher.

The course materials are fantastic and the group environment means lessons are rhythmical, sociable, pacey, full of music...and fun! A great way to learn.

Our courses

3 years: We were delighted to introduce [Music Wonderland](#) for 3 year olds to Fairfield Halls in Autumn 2021 - classes include carefully directed musical activities with a lovely introduction to the keyboard.

4-5 years: Children learn music naturally, as they would their first language, and as they grow, our method of teaching develops with them. Four and five years old is an important window for aural development and the [Junior Music Course](#) (JMC) is designed to grasp this opportunity. Watch a [video about JMC](#).

6-7 years: By six and seven, children's fine motor development has significantly progressed and the [Junior Step Fundamental Course](#) (JSFC) reflects this change, while still using the 'sound before symbol' approach at the start.

8-10 years: For KS2 aged children, [Play For Keeps](#) (PFK) presents a different way of learning, and also goes straight into the exciting keyboard functions in addition to teaching piano skills.

New classes and introductory sessions

Music Wonderland for 3 year olds	Parent's information session Sunday 3 April 2022 New class starting week beginning 25 April (time tbc)
Junior Music Course for 4 and 5 year olds	Free trial lessons Sunday 3 April New classes starting week beginning 25 April (time tbc)
Junior Step Fundamental Course for 6 and 7 year olds	Free trial lessons Sunday 3 April New class starting week beginning 25 April (time tbc)
Play For Keeps for 8 to 10 year olds	Taster lessons available in January and February 2022 New class starting in January 2022: Fridays 6:15 - 7:15pm More class times starting end February (day and times tbc)

How to join

We offer an introductory session before you join - either at one of our open days, or in the first lesson of the course.

Please email Bethany on ffh-musiceducation@bhlive.org.uk to reserve a place or to go on the list to hear of future new class times.

FAQs



How many students in each class?

Classes are held in groups of up to ten students. The room is fully equipped with a keyboard for each student.

Where do lessons take place?

In the Samuel Coleridge Taylor suite on the first floor of the Fairfield Halls.

How long is a lesson?

60 minutes (includes class changeover) for all courses apart from Music Wonderland which is 45 minutes

How long is the course? Do parents attend?

The beginners courses we offer are the start of a progressive music education programme which continues for between 6-8 years, depending on the starting age. The Junior Courses continue onto extension and advanced courses.

- *Music Wonderland* for 3 year olds: (and 'young 4s') is a one year course, with parent accompanying, lessons are 45 minutes
- *Junior Music Course* for 4 and 5 year olds: a two year course, with parent accompanying, lessons are one hour
- *Junior Step Fundamental Course* for 6 and 7 year olds: a one-year course - parents are recommended to attend regularly, but it is not compulsory, lessons are one hour
- *Play For Keeps* for 8 – 10 year olds: there are 8 books and 8 Rockschool grades. Parents do not need to attend, please ask the teacher if you would like to observe, lessons are one hour

How much does it cost?

£18 per hourly lesson

Music Wonderland is 45 minutes: £13.50

Materials are also required:

- Music Wonderland: £40 - books and mp3s (last for one year)
- Junior Music Course: £38 for two books, mp3s and mp4s (needed every six months)
- Junior Step Fundamental Course: £15 for book and CD (2 books needed during the year)
- Play For Keeps: book, mp3s and keyboard tracks £20, needed roughly each year

Prices from November 21, material prices listed are current and may fluctuate slightly

How do I make payment?

Through BH Live's online ticketing system - a payment link is sent ahead of each term. Payment is made in blocks of lessons which are between 5-7 weeks long, with the option to pay for two terms at once if preferred.

Do you take school holidays?

Yes, please see list of term dates.



We look forward to welcoming you to the Yamaha Music School at Fairfield Halls!