

Adult Learning - Course Information Sheet



AUNP05 - Acoustic Guitar For Beginners Part 1

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Start Date: 14 September 2026

End Date: 23 November 2026

Start Time: 6:00PM

End Time: 7:30PM

Day: Monday

Sessions: 10

Tutor: Mr Chris Blundell

What will I learn?

This series of 10-week courses is designed to help you develop your acoustic guitar skills step by step. You will develop the skills and confidence to play the acoustic guitar, including correct posture, tuning and instrument care, basic and progressively more challenging chords, strumming and rhythm techniques, reading chord diagrams and simple guitar notation or tablature, playing a variety of songs and musical styles and developing timing, coordination and musical confidence. Each part builds on the knowledge and techniques learned in the previous course, allowing you to progress at a comfortable pace. The exact content will vary depending on whether you are enrolled onto Part 1, Part 2 or Part 3.

Part 1 - Suitable for complete beginners with little or no previous experience

Part 2 - For learners who have successfully completed Part 1 or who have equivalent skills and knowledge

Part 3 - For learners who have successfully completed Part 2 or who have equivalent experience and confidence. If you are unsure which level is right for you please contact the adult learning team on adultlearning@northnorthants.gov.uk

What will I need to take part?

Bring a fully strung and working guitar and come ready to join in! Also please bring a plectrum and a spare set of strings for good measure. Handouts will be provided as ongoing memory aids and points of reference. Be prepared to practise at home to make the most of this course.

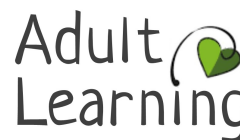
What to expect

Lessons are relaxed, practical and supportive, with plenty of opportunities to practise new techniques during each session. You can expect tutor demonstrations, individual and group playing, guided practice and feedback, opportunities to ask questions and learn at your own pace, a friendly environment where everyone is encouraged to develop their skills and enjoy making music. There are no formal exams, your tutor will support your progress through observation, practical activities and regular feedback. Tutors use Google Classroom to help make course resources available both during and between sessions. Please take advantage of joining your Classroom when invited to do so. For IT help please visit <https://learners.northantsadultlearning.ac.uk/it-tips>

Where can it lead to?

Learning a musical instrument can give as much pleasure as you like over a lifetime of playing. You can take further group or individual lessons (your tutor will advise) and join in playing with formal and informal ensembles – or simply enjoy the wellbeing from making music at home

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Course eligibility and fees

This adult learning course is available to residents of Northamptonshire who are:

- aged 19 or over on 31st August in the funding year
- resident in England, outside a devolved adult skills funding area.
- ordinarily resident in the UK on the first day of learning.

If you don't meet the above requirements, including some international students or people not ordinarily resident in the UK, you will not be able to attend this course.

Asylum seekers may be eligible to attend in some circumstances, including where they have lived in the UK for 6 months or longer while their claim is being considered, or where they receive certain types of local authority support.

Fees are payable on enrolment as published on the booking page.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits or in employment and earning below £25,750 a year, you may be eligible for reduced fees.

Under certain circumstances you may be asked to provide evidence of your identity, residency, prior qualifications and where relevant, benefits or income.

If you are not sure what support you are eligible for please phone our office between 10 -4 on weekdays 0300 303 1058 or email adultlearning@northnorthants.gov.uk.

Northamptonshire Adult Learning Service work in partnership with National Careers Service advisers who can provide information, advice and guidance on skills, learning and work. National Careers Service can be contacted by telephone 0800 100 900 or text your name and the word ADVICE to 07766 413219 and an adviser will call you back for free or go to <https://nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk/>

