

FOUNDATION JAZZ COURSE

The Foundation Jazz Course is an introduction (for all instruments) to the essential skills and knowledge needed for small group jazz playing.

The syllabus will cover: fundamental jazz repertoire, dominant-tonic harmony, playing with harmonic description, basic piano/guitar voicing strategies, swing and latin quaver feel, rhythmic origins, improving jazz 'time', ensemble skills, transcription, chart-writing, blues language, enclosures, intros, outros, and the use of altered and diminished sounds.

The programme runs from the beginning of October through to the end of August*. During each season a student is expected to contribute 1200 hours of study, comprising 960 hours of guided personal study and 240 contact hours.

Guided personal study may include solo practice, transcription, repertoire, jam sessions, gig attendance and other activities to be decided with your tutor.

Contact hours will comprise 30 Foundation Days (Fridays 10.30am-5.30pm) 10-15 hours 121 lessons, skype/email discussion and extra Workshop or Ensemble Days to be chosen from the Jazz School UK general programme.

121 lessons may be held at Jazz School UK or elsewhere with other tutors according to the needs of the student, and may take place in person or if more convenient via Skype.

The cost of each 1 year programme is **£3600**. This is payable in 3 instalments of £1200 (September January and May)

Or with 12 monthly instalments of £312.50 the cost is **£3750**.

The venue for the ensemble course days and lessons is [Jazz School UK](#), in the Shoefactory at Rushden, a beautiful Victorian building (with a grand piano in all three playing spaces), also the home of jazz musicians Nick Weldon and Andra Sparks.

*study by the term possible in some circumstances