

Instruments & Specialisms:

Saxophone, clarinet, flute, music theory, composition/arranging and specialist jazz/pop theory.

YMS Ensembles:

Dave directs the YMS Wind Band and Jazz Meetup (please enquire for more details).

Biography:

Dave was born on New Year's morning in 1986. At age seven he was encouraged by his mother to learn a musical instrument and chose the clarinet, but to this day he has no idea why as he probably hadn't even heard one by that point! Having branched out into various other things (saxophone, flute, guitar, drums, singing, autobiographical writing, etc.), Dave's formal education continued and he passed the highest graded Jazz Clarinet exam with 'Honours' in March 2004. He was then awarded the Scudamore Composition Prize in the following September. In 2008, Dave graduated with a First-Class Honours Degree in music from Christ Church University in Canterbury. These days, Dave is a peripatetic music tutor and performs as a sax soloist and with a variety of bands and DJs across the South East and beyond. Dave is also proud to be an MTB examiner. With an ambition to continue to learn and improve, Dave has studied with world renowned tenor saxophonists Paul Booth (Eric Clapton, Steve Winwood, Jamiroquai, The Eagles, BBC Big Band) and Bob Reynolds (Usher, John Mayer, Snarky Puppy, The Voice USA). Dave lives in Chartham village just outside Canterbury, Kent, UK with his wife and two young children.

Interests & Hobbies:

Outside of work, Dave's main focus is on spending time with his young family. He also enjoys binging on YouTube, watching a mixture of live music performances and other videos about music!

Something You Won't Know:

Dave is in the process of writing a number of books, at least one of which he is determined to actually finish some day!

Professional & Performance Work:

Dave performs regularly as a solo and session saxophonist, as well as with a variety of bands and DJs. He also has a background in orchestral, wind band and theatre work. Please visit www.KentSax.co.uk for more info.

Teaching Experience:

Dave has been teaching on a semi-professional and professional basis for around 20 years. He is highly experienced in teaching students of all ages, covering all styles and abilities. He teaches around 75 students across a number of schools and is also proud to direct and write for several student bands. He also leads regular group improvisation workshops and takes one-off sessions with GCSE and A level students. Dave is a jazz specialist examiner with an international exam board and is currently working on the development of a brand new jazz exam syllabus which is set to feature some of his original compositions.

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