

Keyboard



<p>Who can play the keyboard?</p>	<p><i>Anyone can play the keyboard – they are a great starter instrument to progress onto piano and also a very versatile instrument in their own right. Year 3 is usually a good age to begin learning. Keyboards are suitable for everyone – they are easily available and fairly cheap in comparison to other instruments.</i></p>
<p>What qualities of the keyboard are special?</p>	<p><i>Keyboards provide a huge assortment of voices and beats. They also have many other decorative functions to use within your music. You can usually get an impressive sound on a keyboard by pressing a few buttons!</i></p>
<p>Learning to play any instrument develops lots of new skills. What are the particular benefits of playing the keyboard?</p>	<p><i>There are many benefits to playing a keyboard. They can help create a good sense of pulse and they allow the player to be very creative. There are also opportunities to play in school orchestras and in some music centre groups as well.</i></p>
<p>Are all keyboards the same?</p>	<p><i>There are keyboards available in all sorts of shapes and sizes however Musica Kirklees would recommend learning on a keyboard of at least 61 keys and with touch sensitivity that mimics the piano touch, such as a Yamaha.</i></p>
<p>Are there any famous musicians or pieces associated with the keyboard?</p>	<p><i>Keyboards can be heard in most pop music – famous players include Stevie Wonder and Herbie Hancock.</i></p>