



**Interview with Lil' Chris**  
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**Q.** Were you actively involved in music-making before Rock School came out?

**A.** Yeah, I wasn't putting it all into computers and stuff – because I didn't have them - but I did use to strum away on my guitar and make stuff up; it wasn't very good but I still did it.

**Q.** Do you hope National Music Week will encourage more young people to pick up guitars and start making music?

**A.** Yeah I hope it really does, because I think it's really important. Until people pick up a guitar or pick up an instrument I don't think they've really lived. I think music's a big part of life now - it's such a big part and I think everyone should be a part of it.

**Q.** How long have you been singing and playing the guitar?

**A.** Since I started Rock School. I didn't even really sing in the shower to be honest, never really sang at all. I've been playing guitar now for about a year, and I can play a bit of trumpet, play a bit of bass, play a bit of drums, a bit of keyboard...a bit here and there.

**Q.** Do you write songs yourself?

**A.** Yeah, writing's really fun. It's probably the best part, because you get to do what you want to do. When people are doing covers, they can only do that song. There's a lot of artists now who are told what to sing, and told what covers to do. It's just really fun to be able to have the freedom to do what you want to do, and if something sounds really cool you can put it in yourself.

**Q.** Did you have music lessons in your school, or did you learn privately in your spare time?

**A.** No. I did have music lessons, but never guitar lessons or that sort of thing, so I had to teach myself, which wasn't bad.

**Q.** Did you like your music teachers at school?

**A.** The one I had in middle school, she was horrible; I hated her, honestly! Hated her, literally: pencil sharpenings in the hair, all sorts of stuff. Really didn't like her, but still, that's another story. The thing with her was that she used to say: "Music's about hard work", but it's not; it's about fun. So that's why I didn't like her. I just thought: "Miss, we're supposed to be having fun". So I think anyone in a school not having fun in music lessons should say, "Look, music's about fun"

**Q.** Who do you think influenced your musical habits most – your parents, friends, or teachers?



**A.** Probably my parents, because they liked all the rock stuff. I have pretty different taste to my friends; my mate is a bit weird, he has to hate everything I like, he's just one of those people!

**Q.** What is your biggest musical ambition?

**A.** I'd love to play...probably the biggest place, wherever the biggest place in the world is - I'd love to play there, it'd be cool. I think it's Rio, isn't it? Like Iron Maiden...