

# Key Tips When Learning the Ukulele

- The Instrument is pronounced **YOoh-Kuh-Lay-Lee** not You-koo-le-le, the **Y** on YOoh is silent.
- There are **9** Parts that make up the Ukulele – Learn what they are
- The Best place to strum is where the neck meets the body of the Ukulele
- Your Left-hand Thumb pad should sit at the back of the neck between the nut and third fret
- When you turn on your Tuner, ensure you have it set to the correct Instrument - Not on (Guitar – Bass – Violin – Mandolin) either U or Ukulele (C) or Chromatic
- Understand that Single notes and Chords are two different things
- When playing Chords, sequence your fingers and use the “Finger – to – Fret – Rule” (e.g. –the first finger belongs on the first fret, the second on the second fret and so on)
- Learn the **Note** names of the four strings **G C E A**
- Learn the number we call each string (E.g. The G string is number 4 and nearest your nose)
- Begin strumming using only your Index finger (Pointer finger) It is the Pointer Finger # 1 on your right hand
- Play your down strum ensuring that it is the nail that makes contact with the strings
- Play your up strums with the pad of the finger
- When strumming ,always strum across all 4 strings from top to bottom
- The single Chord Thumb Strum (SCTS) uses the flesh of the thumb usually on the first beat of the bar (Good to use when learning new Chords and practicing Chord changes)
- When at home – leave your Uke out of its box/case/bag and somewhere you spend the most time in the house so it is always accessible
- Always Tune up before playing or practicing
- You only need to practice for 20 minutes every day

**Most Importantly – Have Fun**