

Young George



George Harrison (1943-2001) was the youngest member of The Beatles. He was brought up in an Irish Catholic family in a council house in Liverpool. He had two brothers.

George went to the same school as [Paul](#). They were in different years but became friends after meeting on a bus. But while Paul did well at the formal Liverpool Institute, George was a rebel. He hated school and left without qualifications.

At school the teachers did not like George's clothes or haircut. John's Aunt Mimi did not approve either. 'Why have you brought this boy round to my house?' she asked John. 'He looks dreadful, like a Teddy

Boy'.

Guitar

Like Ringo, George was inspired to learn a musical instrument during a spell in hospital. He bought a second-hand guitar and began to teach himself. A shared love of music drew him towards the older McCartney, who was then playing the trumpet.

When he left school, George began playing with different skiffle bands. Paul was impressed and proposed to John that George join the Quarrymen.

John Lennon agreed, but with reservations. George was obviously an excellent guitarist. The problem was he seemed very young:

I couldn't be bothered with him when he first came around. He used to follow me like a ... kid, hanging around all the time. It took me years start considering him as an equal.

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