

# GUITAR SCHOOL

Raising the standard in

## GUITAR EDUCATION

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## INNOVATORS OF ROCK

## GUNS N' ROSES

Sweet Child  
O' Mine



### ABILITY RATING

Moderate/Advanced

★★★★☆

Will improve your:

Soloing construction and use of

dynamics

Picking and bending accuracy

Speed and stamina

In **Guitar School's** second series of **Innovators Of Rock** we will be looking at one of the most influential rock bands of our time. **Guns N' Roses** burst onto the scene way back in 1987 with the instant classic riff **Sweet Child O' Mine** from their inspiring debut album *Appetite For Destruction*. An album that would rightly rocket Slash and the boys to worldwide fame and fortune.

One of my personal favourite riffs of all time, this riff actually inspired myself to pick up the guitar and learn how to play!

### Getting the tone...

Right from the beginning, Slash's main recording guitar has been a Kris Derrig! This custom built replica was commission by GN'R's manager just before *Appetite*, and is handmade to 1958 specs. Any guitar with a pair of humbucker pick ups should give you the right tone!

## Student of the Month

Matthew Hughes is this month's grade A student. Matthew is now making great progress towards his first RGT guitar examination to be taken this winter. Easing through the material that's been given so far! Well done Matthew, keep up the good work!

## Things to look out for!

Come and join the **Guitar School** facebook group and page! Every month all special offers and deals will be posted on these pages. So to get in first it's the quickest way for you to receive information from GS.

## FREE BACKING TRACKS!!

This month I'm giving away free backing tracks! all you need to do is bring in a blank **DVD** in and I'll put them onto disk for you. There's around 600 in total so there should be something there for every genre!