



September 2020

Dear CJBB members and parents

Congratulations on your audition placing and welcome to this year's County Junior Brass Band.

In this new world we find ourselves in we have had to change the way we run our groups quite a bit. We are keeping ourselves informed about the latest research and guidance and will be aiming to deliver the same engaging and fun musical experience whilst mitigating risks as far as is possible. We are fully expecting that this advice, and our response to it, will change frequently.

Staff Members - Your conductors for the year are Mr Rob Fleming and Mr Andy Macfarlane. Ms Faye Laurie will be working with the percussion section. Please come and speak to us at any time if you have any problems, worries or questions.

Tuesday Rehearsals

When we start rehearsals on the **22nd September**, we will be working in 'bubbles' initially, and running shorter rehearsals than usual: **From 18:15 to 19:30**, in the future we hope to increase these to 90 minute rehearsals. We will be rehearsing in the Lower Hall (AKA Edmund Rubbra Hall) and in room 3, nearby, both accessible via door 3 in the lower half of the car park.

Seats will be set out maintaining social distancing and, until we can relax our measures, we will be asking our students to maintain a social distance of two meters before and after rehearsals.

There will be no common room or tuck shop for the foreseeable future. More than ever we will have high expectations of behaviour, and respect for the other people in the building.

If you know in advance that you are unable to attend a rehearsal, please let one of us know. For last minute absences you can contact the office on 01604 637117 or email office@nmpat.co.uk to leave a message.



What you will need to bring - Your instrument, music folder (provided) and a pencil. Mobile phones should be out of use and out of sight during rehearsals.

Important dates

We have not ruled out the possibility of concerts this year completely, but we will not be committing to any until we have more information and guidance to hand. Even if we can go ahead with performances, they will most likely be very different to previous years. However, we will still be exploring alternative possibilities of online performances so that we can still celebrate the hard work of our students.

Future letters to the band will not be given out in hard copy, but will be emailed out to parents and will be on our website (www.nmpat.co.uk – click on “Ensemble and County Music Groups” then “Letters for County Music Groups”, then select your music group).

We are really excited about working with you all this year and are looking forward to some fantastic music making!

Rob Fleming and Andy Macfarlane

County Junior Brass Band Bubbles

<u>Bubble 1 (ERH 14 pupils)</u>	<u>Bubble 2 (Room 3, 8 Pupils)</u>
<u>Trumpets/Cornets</u> Oscar G Ben H Nye M-C Joshua A Allanah E Amelia L Finlay W Nate F Charlie J	<u>Trumpets/Cornets</u> Jonathan M William B Isobel H Lois H
<u>Horn</u> Elana H	<u>Horns</u> Zachary F Jack B
<u>Trombone</u> Oliver C	<u>Trombone</u> Annie F
<u>Baritone</u> Tamsyn E	<u>Percussion</u> Noah W
<u>Percussion</u> Theodore V Henry T	