



County Junior Orchestra – September 2020

Dear CJO Families

We are delighted that the first meeting of the County Junior Orchestra is fast approaching. Although this will be a year unlike any other, we are going to have an incredible year making great music!

For the foreseeable future, rehearsals at the NMPAT Kettering Road site will take place once a fortnight, with the first online rehearsal taking place on **Microsoft Teams** on **17th September 2020 at 6.00pm** Please make sure your child has accessed their NMPAT student email account and logged on in time for each session.

Your child will also need to sign into their class on **SmartMusic** so they can access sheet music and backing tracks from home. Details of how to enroll are being sent out over the coming days.

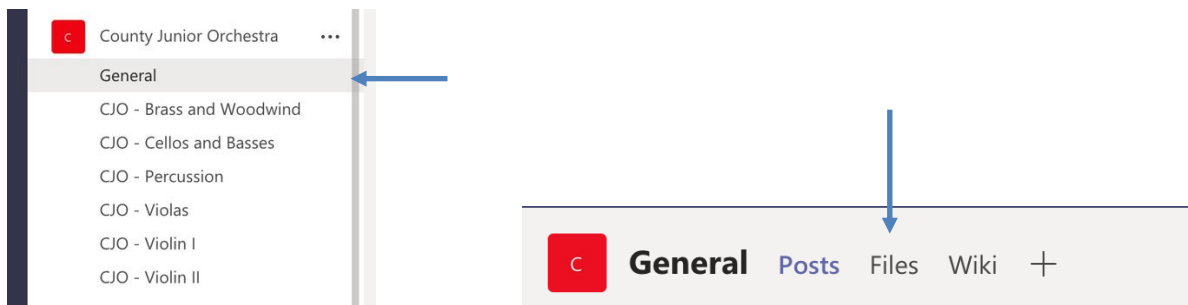
The first in-person rehearsal at NMPAT will be taking place on **Thursday 24th September 2020**. Students will be split into bubbles of no more than 15 players, depending on their instrument. Below is a list of the rooms and timings for rehearsals. Please arrive in good time to set up and start rehearsal on time.

Section	Room	Time
1st violins	Richard Coles Hall (upper hall)	6.00 - 7.00
2nd violins	Edmund Rubbra Hall (lower hall)	6.00 - 7.00
Violas	Room 5	6.00 - 7.00
Cellos and basses	Richard Coles Hall (upper hall)	7.30 - 8.30
Woodwind	Edmund Rubbra Hall (lower hall)	7.30 - 8.30
Brass	Room 3	7.30 - 8.30

Please note that percussion rehearsals will take place every week in the Percussion Room from 6.00 - 7.15. We are looking into ways to make it possible for them to sign on to the online full rehearsals at the end of their rehearsal time.

Details about all the safety measures put in place at NMPAT for face-to-face rehearsals were sent in an email from our Chief Executive, Peter Smalley, on 11th September.

As we are unable to distribute folders at this time, students will need to **print a copy of their music from Teams** to use with both in-person and online rehearsals. You can find PDFs of all the music under the 'Files' section of the County Junior Orchestra – General team (as per the image below) We recommend you get a folder to keep your music organized. It is not advised for students to be reading the music off the screen during online rehearsals. **All** students should bring their own pencil with them to in-person and online rehearsals.



As the guidance around COVID-19 changes, we will adapt our plans accordingly. We greatly appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we navigate through these changing times. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Foster – mfoster@nmpat.co.uk

We are so excited to welcome your children back to making music! See you soon.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Foster – Conductor and brass sectional coach
Mr Bell – Conductor and woodwind sectional coach
Mr Smith – Violin I sectional coach
Mrs Bell – Violin II sectional coach
Miss Heath – Viola Sectional coach
Mrs Turnock – Cello and Double Bass sectional coach
Mr Butler – Percussion sectional coach