



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

Welcome to the County Training Wind Orchestra 2020/21!

Despite the challenges we are all facing we are really looking forward to an excellent year of music-making.

Staff members

Jo Coventry – Conductor and brass coach

Lauren Evans – Conductor and woodwind coach

Iona Walker – Woodwind coach

Faye Laurie – Percussion coach

Please come and see us if you have any problems, concerns or queries.

Rehearsals

As we begin this Autumn term, we have put in place a rota to allow as many of the band as possible to be in the building, and have rehearsals in small groups. We are limited by the number of students we are able to see at one time, and by the size of the rooms available. Each week there will be one group who will stream the 7.30-8.30pm part of the evening via Teams.

Attached to this letter is a schedule for this term. We hope it is clear where everybody needs to be when, but please do get in touch if you are unsure.

Due to Covid guidelines we are not able to swap these groups around, and band members must remain in the bubble they have been put in. If there are any transport issues arising from this, then students will have access to the online rehearsal facility.

On arrival band members must sanitise their hands and then go straight to their rehearsal room. They will need to sit on the chair that is meant for them and not swap around.

Please remember to bring your music as you will not be able to share with another player.

There is no reason why any student should leave NMPAT premises before the end of rehearsal. Please note that staff cannot supervise anyone who goes off-site and they do so at their own risk.

There is currently no tuck shop facility or Common Room.

What to do if you can't come to a rehearsal

If you know in advance, you're not able to attend a rehearsal, please let us know in writing as soon as possible. On the day you can call the office on 01604 637117 or email office@NMPAT.co.uk to leave a message.

Concerts and courses

At present, as you will understand, our concert schedule is not able to be finalised. We will of course let you know if anything changes in the future.

Looking forward to getting back to some live music making

Jo Coventry and Lauren Evans