

# NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

## County Youth Brass Band

2020-21

### Welcome Letter

Welcome! It is indeed a joy to greet you to CYBB after too long a gap from NMPAT rehearsals. I trust you all discovered new and exciting things over the lockdown and summer.

Extra special welcome those who are new to CYBB, may I offer my congratulations to you. Your hard work has paid off and you are joining the Band at a unique time, last year band was a whole new chapter in the history of CYBB, as is this year's band. Thank you for those who took part in the CYBB Hot Toddy online performance it has been wonderful going through so many messages of congratulations and best wishes from literally across the world.

On rare occasions an extra rehearsal for special events may be called for, we will give ample notice when these occur.

With the current world and national situation, we need to be ever mindful of keeping COVID secure and we at NMPAT will do all we can to adjust and improve procedures to keep everyone safe.

For the foreseeable future we are going to divide CYBB into 4 groups (**A**, **B**, **C**, and **D**) - these are not sectionals per se but groups that provide a balance for an ensemble. We shall be using the **theatre** (CYBB normal rehearsal) and **Room 5** (where CTBB have rehearsed).

<b>TEAM A [ ARNOLD ]</b> <b>- THEATRE AREA [ 9.30-10.30 ]</b>  Jacob Crowe Emily Underwood Hannah MacInnes Blake Kent Thomas Speed-Andrews William Speed-Andrews Tegan Stokes  Lily Rudd Luke Novakovic Ellie Beck Liam Rhodes Melody Powell Charlie Taylor	<b>TEAM B [ BALL ] - ROOM 5 [ 9.30-10.30 ]</b>  Megan Stenhouse Katie Skey William McAllister Alex Neville Elise Hale Tallulah Kesterton-Bennett Liam Rhodes Emerson Button
<b>TEAM C [ COOPER ]</b> <b>- THEATRE AREA [ 11.30-12.30 ]</b>  Olivia Wild Tegan Pretty Anna Mitchell Isaac Beetham-Green Charlie Harris Ben Freeland James Woodman Mary Herbert Matthew Collins  Leona Rendina Genevieve Shaw Devon Holloway	<b>TEAM D [ DOBSON ]</b> <b>- ROOM 5 [ 11.30-12.30 ]</b>  Jake Humphrey, Michael Ward, Elizabeth Patrick, Natasha Jardine, Harry Bennett, James Rhodes, Thomas Cobleby

We hope to be able to rehearse as a full band as soon as possible.

If we enter a further tighter lockdown, this will mean we will use Microsoft Teams for online rehearsals, as frustrating as that might seem, one bonus will be is that we will see each other as one whole group!

Every rehearsal is planned and important, and every one of you is an important part of this team. If we are to achieve all we are capable of, we need everyone at every rehearsal. If, however, you are unwell, and therefore unable to attend a rehearsal, please leave a message with the NMPAT office. If you have a clash with a CYBB event that you are unable to avoid, please let me know as far in advance as possible.

### **IF YOU MISS A REHEARSAL, PLEASE FIND OUT WHAT YOU MISSED SO YOU CAN CATCH UP.**

It is your responsibility to find out what was rehearsed, update your part markings appropriately, and keep on top of new repertoire. Letters will be posted on [www.NMPAT.co.uk](http://www.NMPAT.co.uk)

Cornet & trombones need to remember mutes each week.

To enhance your experience in the CYBB I would encourage you to take advantage of the Concerts of both local Brass Bands and visiting world famous Bands who regular visit the area when concerts resume. Many of these events can be found on the events listing on [www.4barsrest.com](http://www.4barsrest.com)

Regarding music, everyone in CYBB has their own folder. Make sure you look after your music and bring it to every rehearsal. Do not rely on other people to bring theirs!

For our performances, concert dress will be all black please. Specifically:

**Ladies** – Plain black shirt/ blouse (long sleeves please), plain black trousers/ Skirts (not jeans), clean plain black shoes. Any belts used must be black.

**Gents** -Plain black shirt (long sleeves please), plain black trousers (not jeans), plain black socks, clean plain black shoes. Any belts used must be black.

### **Dates for your Diary**

The dates below are correct to the best of my knowledge but may change, so please look on our website if there is any reason to think the gig may be cancelled (*snow/flooding/plague of locusts*), on the home page you can see both the Facebook and twitter feeds that will give you up to date information.

[www.NMPAT.co.uk](http://www.NMPAT.co.uk)

This is the only letter that we will publish as a hard copy, all other letters will be put on the CYBB area of the NMPAT website and emailed directly to your parents/carers.

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> September -	Welcome meeting on Teams
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September -	First rehearsal in 4 Teams ( <b>A, B, C</b> and <b>D</b> ) at NMPAT
Saturday 31 <sup>ST</sup> October -	No rehearsal
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> December -	Last rehearsal before Christmas
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> January -	First rehearsal after Christmas
Saturday 20 <sup>TH</sup> February -	No rehearsal
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February -	Extended Rehearsal 9.00-1.00
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February -	Brass Band Spectacular Spinney Hill Theatre concert 6.00, Rehearsal at Spinney in the afternoon
Saturday 13 <sup>TH</sup> March -	Extended Rehearsal 9.00-1.00

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Rehearsal 9.00-11.30 at NMPAT, then Music for Youth Regionals, Cripps Hall, Northampton 1.00pm performance (approx.), 3.00 feedback session (approx.)

Saturday March/April (date TBC) - National Youth Brass Band Championships – venue TBC

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April - First rehearsal back after Easter

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June- No rehearsal

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Possible Extended Rehearsal 9.00-1.00 subject to National Festival

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> or Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July - National Festival of Music for Youth Finals, Symphony Hall Birmingham  
(Subject to invitation)

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Extended Rehearsal 9.00-1.00

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July - End of year Concert, Spinney Hill Theatre, concert starts 6.00 pm rehearsal during the afternoon

Kindest Regards

*Brad Turnbull*