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## NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY YOUTH ORCHESTRA 2020-2021

Dear CYO member and Parent/Carer,

A very warm welcome to the Northamptonshire County Youth Orchestra 2020-2021! Whether you are a CYO veteran or if this is your first year with us, we hope that you will find it an enjoyable and rewarding experience. This letter sets out some details but obviously the beginning of the year is going to be a little bit different so we would urge you to come to the CYO Teams Meeting that we have scheduled for **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30**.

### Teams Meeting

**Our first meeting will be on Teams on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 (not 09.00 as stated in a previous message)**

As and when we are able to resume normal rehearsals, a typical CYO morning operates as per the table below:

<b>CYO Rehearsal Details</b>			
<b>SATURDAY MORNINGS</b>		<b>CYO STAFF</b>	
<b>Full Rehearsal (Lower Hall)</b>	09.00 – 10.15	<b>Conductors</b>	Chris Hiscock & Andy Kirkwood
<b>Sectionals</b>	10.15 – 11.15	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Violin Coach</b>	Stephen Hague
<b>Break</b>	11.15 – 11.30	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Violin Coach</b>	Richard Roper
<b>Full Rehearsal</b>	11.30 – 12.45	<b>Viola Coach</b>	Jon Spinner
		<b>Cello Coach</b>	Corinne Malitskie
		<b>Double Bass Coach</b>	Peter Smith
		<b>Woodwind Coach</b>	Andy Kirkwood
		<b>Brass Coach</b>	Chris Hiscock
		<b>Percussion Coach</b>	Matt Butler

### Attendance

In order for CYO to play to its full potential we need good attendance from every player.

We will definitely be one of the groups that will be expected to be able to put together a performance at quite short notice should restrictions ease and allow us to. Therefore despite the fact that initial rehearsals will look and feel different we will aim to come together and hit the ground running for performances as soon as we can, and we will need everyone to approach CYO with the same high standards as in previous years...you will be as amazing as always!

If you are ill or if you know about a pre-planned unavoidable absence please contact the office via [office@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:office@nmpat.co.uk) or by phone on **01604 637117**.

Below is an At-A-Glance list of all CYO Rehearsals and Concerts:

<b>CYO REHEARSAL DATES 2020-2021</b>								
<b>AUTUMN TERM 2020</b>								
<b>19 Sep</b>	<b>26 Sep</b>	<b>3 Oct</b>	<b>10 Oct</b>	<b>17 Oct</b>	<b>24 Oct</b>	<b>7 Nov</b>	<b>14 Nov</b>	<b>21 Nov</b>
<i>Meeting</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>
<b>28 Nov</b>	<b>05 Dec</b>	<b>12 Dec</b>	<b>18 Dec</b>					
<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<b>Concert?</b>					
<b>SPRING TERM 2021</b>								
<b>09 Jan</b>	<b>16 Jan</b>	<b>23 Jan</b>	<b>30 Jan</b>	<b>06 Feb</b>	<b>13 Feb</b>	<b>27 Feb</b>	<b>06 Mar</b>	<b>07 Mar</b>
<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<b>Concert?</b>
<b>14 Mar</b>	<b>21 Mar</b>							
<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>							
<b>SUMMER TERM 2021</b>								
<b>17 Apr</b>	<b>24 Apr</b>	<b>01 May</b>	<b>08 May</b>	<b>15 May</b>	<b>22 May</b>	<b>29 May</b>	<b>12 June</b>	<b>19 June</b>
<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<i>Rehearsal</i>
<b>26 June</b>	<b>03 July</b>	<b>10 July</b>						
<b>Rehearsal &amp; Concert?</b>	<i>Rehearsal</i>	<b>Rehearsal NFMY If Invited</b>						

### **Concerts**

It is difficult to confirm one way or another what concerts CYO will be able to perform this year. So far we know that we have cancelled the Malcom Arnold Festival and the November Youth in Concert (we may look to reschedule this event if we get the opportunity). Our other 'usual' concerts for the year are listed below, but obviously everything is very much 'subject to change' and we will do our very best to keep you as informed as possible as we go through the year.

<b>CYO CONCERTS 2020 – 2021</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>FRIDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DEC</b> <i>(19.30)</i>	<b>End of Year Concert – Northampton High School</b> <i>Our annual end of year concert, shared with CYCB</i>
<b>SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAR 2021</b> <i>(18.00)</i>	<b>NMPAT Orchestra Spectacular – Dergate Theatre</b> <i>NMPAT's annual orchestral celebration, shared with CTO and CJO</i>
<b>SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> Jun</b> <i>(18.00)</i>	<b>CYO Summer Concert – St. Michael's Church</b> <i>We will be performing the entire concert</i>
<b>SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> July</b> <i>(Time tbc)</i>	<b>National Festival of Music for Youth – Symphony Hall</b> <i>If invited to the NFMY Finals this is our most likely performance day</i>

### **Additional CYO Information**

**Concert Dress** for CYO is set out below. Please note that we require all CYO musicians to dress appropriately for every concert; items such as jeans, black trainers, excessively high heels, short skirts/dresses, low-cut tops etc. are not appropriate concert dress and should not be worn:

**CYO Gentlemen:** Black Shirts with Black Trousers, Black Shoes & Black Socks  
**CYO Ladies:** Black Shirts/Blouses with Black Skirts or Trousers, Black Shoes & Black Socks or Black/Opaque Tights  
**OR** Black Dresses with Black/Opaque Tights and Black Shoes

### **Free Time and Supervision**

It is assumed for all CYO rehearsals that every CYO member will remain on site at NMPAT. Please note that any CYO member who chooses to leave NMPAT grounds **does so at their own risk and will not be supervised by a member of staff**. For some of our concerts there will be the opportunity for CYO members to leave the site to go and get food. In such circumstances written notes **are not** required – we recommend that students travel in groups of at least three and parents/carers need to be aware that **students will not be supervised by a member of staff**. CYO or other NMPAT staff will be on hand at the venues of every concert for those students who wish to stay on site, so parents who do not wish their child to leave can arrange for them to stay at the venues.

We are really looking forward to a fantastic year of orchestral music-making! The CYO is one of the flagship groups of the Trust and we are absolutely delighted to be working with you in the coming year; if you have any questions at all please do not hesitate to get in touch with us and we will do our very best to help.

With warmest wishes for the coming year!

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