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COUNTY CLARINET CHOIR 2020-2021

Dear Clarinet Choir member and Parent/Carer,

Thank you for agreeing to play in the 2020/21 County Clarinet Choir!

For those of you who are new to the choir a very warm welcome, I really hope you have a great time and enjoy the opportunity to play in a smaller, chamber group setting. For the old hands a very warm welcome back, please make sure to introduce yourselves to anyone you don't know. The Clarinet Choir operates in a slightly more relaxed way to the larger county groups...you'll soon get used to it I promise! This letter gives you the basic details of the group but you can always contact me at akirkwood@nmpat.co.uk.

Clarinet Choir Rehearsals

Things are obviously going to start off a little differently this year! If there were no Covid restrictions, we would rehearse in Room 26 which is in the Youth Wing area of NMPAT; I am due to be teaching in Room 31 until around 7.15pm so will try and start rehearsals as close to 7.30pm as possible; we will finish at around 8.30pm – 8.40pm each week...hopefully!

Covid-Restricted Restart

There is an information document in the 'Files' section of our Clarinet Choir Team which sets out how I would like to rotate group rehearsals for now, and we can discuss how it will work so that everyone is comfortable in the first meeting.

Attendance

Please contact the office at NMPAT on **01604 637117** and leave a message for me if you know you are not going to make a rehearsal.

Concert Dress:

Gentlemen: Black shirt, Black Trousers, Black Socks, Black Shoes – Black Jackets (if we own them!)

Ladies: Black Dresses, Black/Opaque Tights, Black Shoes

OR Black Shirt/Blouse, Black Skirt/Trousers, Black/Opaque Tights, Black Socks, Black Shoes

Concerts

I will write with any concert details nearer to the time of any potential performance opportunity. For now I think the most important thing is to try and create some music together and get back into the swing of playing in a group – however strange it might feel to begin with!

Thanks again for agreeing to play in the Clarinet Choir; I hope you find it a fun group to be involved with and a rewarding musical experience. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch and I will try my best to help.

Andy Kirkwood
Clarinet Choir Director