NMPAT

Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

Charging, Remissions and Subsidy Policy

Introduction

A key objective of the Music Hub Grant, provided to Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) by the Department for Education (DfE), is to help assist in the removal of barriers to learning and making progress for young musicians. This policy has been created to help support engagement and progress in music across the whole range of activities provided by NMPAT.

Financial Aid

NMPAT encourage parents and carers to contact the NMPAT office if they are facing financial difficulties. NMPAT has a Fee Remission reserve which, at the discretion of the NMPAT senior leadership team, can be used to subsidise any area of NMPAT activity, to ensure as many children and young people as possible do not miss out on musical opportunities because of financial hardship.

Whole Class Ensemble Tuition (now also known as Classroom Instrumental Lessons - CiL)

To support children engaging with Key Stage 2 Whole Class Ensemble Tuition Projects, support is provided to schools in the form of a financial discount, which is funded through the Music Hub Grant. All children who engage with our whole class provision are given an end of project performance opportunity to showcase their progress.

Instrumental Loan

All loan instruments for whole class and school based instrumental tuition are provided free of charge, to ensure children and young people can access the resources needed to start their musical journey, without the barrier of costly instrument hire or purchase. Loans of higher value, or ‘exotic’, instruments are made free of charge to members of the NMPAT County Ensembles.

NMPAT Music Centres

NMPAT Centre membership fees are subsidised by the Music Hub Grant. NMPAT operates 9 Saturday Centres across the county, which provide progression routes for young musicians at any level along with providing musical classes for children with no prior music knowledge. The Centres offer ensemble playing and performance opportunities for all students. All students receiving instrumental lessons from NMPAT receive a free term of Centre membership, after which the

charge to parents is subsidised, with 75% of the cost to NMPAT being covered by the Grant. Where County Ensemble members are also attending a Saturday Centre, the fee for the Centre is reduced to a nominal amount.

Musical Inclusion Programme

Our Musical Inclusion Programme is funded by a number of grant-giving organisations, the Gordon Robinson Memorial Trust, the Northamptonshire Community Foundation and the Douglas Compton James Charitable Trust. It reaches a wide range of groups, including looked after children, refugees and children with SEND. NMPAT continue to apply for funding to ensure that the Musical Inclusion Programme can continue to be provided on a fully funded basis.

Individual Tuition

NMPAT can provide bursaries and scholarships to students receiving individual lessons, due to its continuing support from the Gordon Robinson Memorial Trust. Each year a number of bursaries are made available which cover 50% of the cost of individual lessons. These are awarded by the Trustees of the Gordon Robinson Memorial Trust following an application and audition process. In cases of severe hardship, and where a student shows high potential and talent, a full scholarship may be awarded which covers the full cost of individual lessons, County Ensemble Membership, residential courses and overseas tours.

Recital Visits

NMPAT provide recital team visits from a range of disciplines to a large number of schools each year, at no charge, to ensure all children and young people experience live music.

Pupil Premium

NMPAT work with schools to encourage the use of Pupil Premium to subsidise music tuition.