

<p style="text-align: center;">NSB Symphonic Winds & Big Band @ NFMY Birmingham Thursday 6 July 2017</p>
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Following the Regional event in March, I am delighted to tell you that **Symphonic Winds** and **Big Band** have been invited to take part in this year's **National Festival of Music for Youth** in **Birmingham** during the first week of July.

Symphonic Winds is scheduled to perform in **Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on Thursday 6 July at a time to be advised.**

Everyone who is a member of the band is expected to take part. It is our last performance of the year and follows on from our final school concert performance on **Wednesday 28 June – 'Here Comes the Sun!'**

Big Band is scheduled to perform in the **Festival Fringe probably outside Symphony Hall, Birmingham, on the same day.**

Rehearsals will continue to run as usual throughout the examination period although years 11, 12 & 13 examinations must take priority. We would, however, appreciate members of those year groups attending as often as their examination/revision schedule allows them to.

Commitment and responsibility to both ensembles are key elements that ensure high standards of performance so if you cannot make a rehearsal please mark this on the schedule attached. If at a later date attending a rehearsal becomes an issue please send an email in advance to odruker@nsb.northants.sch.uk as rehearsal schedules can be tweaked to accommodate any absences - every single player is vital!

Symphonic Winds rehearsals, lasting from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., will take place on:

Thursday 8 June

Thursday 15 June

Thursday 22 June – Woodwind sectional

Here Comes the Sun! Wed 28 June – Symphonic Winds performing first in the second half

Thursday 29 June – Brass and Percussion sectional

Training Day Friday 30 June – this rehearsal will be from 12 – 3 p.m.

Wednesday 5 July – final rehearsal!!

Other rehearsals, either sectional or full, may be called as we approach our performance dates.

Big Band rehearsals, lasting from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m., will take place on:

Tuesday 6 June

Tuesday 13 June

Tuesday 20 June

Music Matters I Wed 21 June – Big Band will be performing last in the concert

Tuesday 27 June

Tuesday 4 July – final rehearsal!!

Jazz @ The Cripps Summer Hog Roast! Fri 14 July 6 p.m. – Big Band will be starting the second half

The rehearsal and travel forms need to be completed for each participant; the Medical Consent form only needs completion by band members who did not attend the NCBF in Warwick in April; all forms should be returned to the Music Office by Friday 12 May.

Day tickets for the **National Festival** are on sale from the THSH Box Office (0121 345 0603) - priced £10 (concessions £8). To book tickets online, go to www.thsh.co.uk. Admission is subject to availability on arrival at the venue.

'Here Comes the Sun! tickets will be on sale to Friends of NSB Music on Monday 8 May and on general sale on Monday 15 May. Tickets for this event cost £5 Adults, £4 Concessions, £3 NSB Friends.

Jazz @ The Cripps Summer Hog Roast is on sale now with tickets at £5, £4 & £3. Food will be served throughout the evening from 6 p.m. with the concert starting at 6:30 p.m.

I look forward to seeing you at our final concerts of the year and at Birmingham.

Oliver Druker
Director of Music

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I have received and read the information.

This confirms that _____ (Student's name) _____ (Form) also understands the expectations outlined above.

Please complete the following grid:

Symphonic Winds:

Rehearsal/concert date	Mark X if not available	Reason (Examination; examination revision; etc)
Thursday 8 June		
Thursday 15 June		
Thursday 22 June (Woodwind sectional)		
<i>Here Comes the Sun!</i> <i>Wed 28 June</i>		
Thursday 29 June (Brass/Perc sectional)		
<i>Training day</i> <i>Fri 30 June 12–3 p.m.</i>		
Wednesday 5 July		

Big Band:

Rehearsal/concert date	Mark X if not available	Reason (Examination; examination revision; etc)
Tuesday 6 June		
Tuesday 13 June		
Tuesday 20 June		
<i>Music Matters I</i> <i>Wed 21 June</i>		
Tuesday 27 June		
Tuesday 4 July		
<i>Friday 14 July</i> <i>Jazz @ The Cripps</i> <i>Summer Hog Roast</i>		

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Student: _____

Form: _____

Band members who performed at the NCBF in Warwick in April do not have to fill the medical/consent form in – please state if details are the same or need to be updated:

Please insert a tick for the appropriate day(s) below:

- I have read and understand the requirements for **Symphonic Winds & Big Band** on Thursday 6 July – specific timings will be sent out when available

Please tick the relevant box regarding the journey from Birmingham

- I will be returning on NSB coach
- I will be making my own arrangements for the return journey

(please specify exact details)

Signed: _____
(Parent/guardian)

Date: _____