

<p style="text-align: center;">NSB Symphony Orchestra & Metalworks @ NFMY Birmingham Thursday 5 July 2018</p>

Following the Regional event in March, I am delighted to tell you that **Symphony Orchestra** and **Metalworks** have been invited to take part in this year's **National Festival of Music for Youth** in **Birmingham** during the first week of July.

Symphony Orchestra is scheduled to perform in **Town Hall, Birmingham, on Thursday 5 July at a time to be advised.**

Metalworks is scheduled to perform in the **Royal Birmingham Conservatoire, Birmingham, on the same day.**

Everyone who is a member of the ensembles is expected to take part. They are our last performances of the year and follow on from our final school concert performances on **Friday 29 June – ‘Summer Holiday’.**

Rehearsals will continue to run as usual throughout the examination period although Year 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!

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

Monday 4 June

Monday 11 June

Monday 18 June

Monday 25 June

Summer Holiday Friday 29 June – Symphony Orchestra performing first in the second half

Monday 2 July

Wednesday 4 July – extra rehearsal!!

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

Metalworks rehearsals, lasting from 1:20 – 1:55 p.m., will take place on:

Thursday 7 June

Thursday 14 June

Thursday 21 June

Thursday 28 June

Summer Holiday Friday 29 June

Monday 2 July – final rehearsal at 11.15am!!

The rehearsal and travel form needs to be completed for each participant; the Medical Consent form only needs completion by band members who did not attend either the NCBF in Manchester in April or the Florida tour; all forms should be returned to the Music Office by Friday 25 May.

Day tickets for the **National Festival** are on sale from the THSH Box Office (0121 345 0603) - priced £10, concessions £8, family 2+2 £32, 2-day passes £16/£14. To book tickets online, go to www.thsh.co.uk. Admission is subject to availability on arrival at the venue.

‘Summer Holiday’ tickets are on sale to Friends of NSB Music and on general sale from Monday 8 May. Tickets for this event cost £6 Adults, £5 Concessions, £4 NSB Friends.

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

Oliver Druker
Director of Music

Please return this sheet with both sides completed, plus the Medical Consent Form if applicable, by Friday 25 May

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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 as applicable:

Symphony Orchestra:

Rehearsal/concert date	Mark X if not available	Reason (Examination; examination revision; etc)
Monday 4 June		
Monday 11 June		
Monday 18 June		
Monday 25 June		
<i>Summer Holiday Friday 29 June</i>		
Monday 2 July		
Wednesday 4 July		

Metalworks:

Rehearsal/concert date	Mark X if not available	Reason (Examination; examination revision; etc)
Thursday 7 June		
Thursday 14 June		
Thursday 21 June		
Thursday 28 June		
<i>Summer Holiday Friday 29 June</i>		
Monday 2 July 11.15am		

Medical/travel arrangements

Student: _____

Form: _____

Band members who performed at the NCBF in Manchester in April or who went on the Florida Tour 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 **Symphony Orchestra and Metalworks** on Thursday 5 July – specific timings will be sent out when available

Please tick the relevant box regarding the journey from Birmingham – all students will travel to Birmingham with NSB

- 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: _____