



Guidance for Band Members

Behaviour at rehearsals

The band is a team and needs everyone to contribute to the best of their abilities. This can be achieved by :-

- Not talking during rehearsals
- Not using mobile phones during rehearsals
- Paying attention to the conductor
- Learning the pieces of music
- Not leaving rehearsals early
- Informing the band of absences
- Helping with the band room duties
- Newsletters are sent out by email, please read them and make note of the contents
- Being aware of band jobs, concerts and contests

Poynton Youth Brass Band complies with the government's safeguarding legislation. Any band member or their parent / guardian is encouraged to report any inappropriate behaviour to a band official. All complaints or reports will be treated in strictest confidence.

Poynton Youth Brass Band reserves the right to take appropriate and proportionate action against any member who's behaviour falls short of what is expected from them.

Practise at home

We will ask that every player spend some time every day practising. Spending time every day practising will be far more beneficial and productive than one long session every now and then. We will also be expecting players to learn their parts at home. It is also important that a player who may have difficulty with a piece of music asks for help, either from one of the more senior players or from the conductor.

Attendance

Attendance at all rehearsals, concert and contests is expected. The band only meets for two hours per week. Many bands meet far more often to achieve success. We know this is not practical for our players so let's make what little time we get together count.

If a band member cannot attend a rehearsal, or a concert or a contest, we ask to be informed as early as possible so that we can plan ahead. We ask for any planned absences to be entered into the diary, which is available at every rehearsal. This especially applies to concerts and contests.

Band room duties

Being in the band is about being part of a team. This means taking a full part in all the activities in the band room or concert hall. It is expected that all band members help with setting out chairs, setting up stands, looking after the music and putting everything away afterwards. Players cannot expect others to do all the work for them.

Concerts and Jobs

Poynton Youth Brass Band is partly funded from the fees that it earns from jobs and performing in concert. It is important that all players are available for every job and concert. Regular Newsletter updates containing a list of jobs and concerts are emailed to all band members. Please ensure that we have your email address to include in our distribution list. A list of jobs, concerts and contests and the latest Newsletter is also available on the band's web site at <http://www.pybb.org.uk>.

Contests

We always hire a coach to convey the band to contest venues. All players are expected to travel on the coach, which departs and returns from and to Poynton Methodist Church. Band members travel free of charge.

Prior to each contest there will be additional rehearsal sessions. Every player is expected to attend these rehearsals.

Instrument care

Each band members is expected to look after his/her instrument and keep it good condition. When an instrument is not being played it should be kept in its case. It should be kept clean and in good working order. The slides and valves should be regularly lubricated so that they can move freely.

For instruments loaned out by the band, it is the player's responsibility to keep the instrument in the condition it was in when it was loaned out. We reserve the right to ask for payment for any damage to the instrument, as repairs can be very expensive, sometimes hundreds of pounds.

Uniform

Every member of the band is issued with a Youth Band waistcoat and bow tie. To keep the uniform in good condition we ask that the waistcoat be kept on a hanger and in a cover when it is not being worn. It is a good idea to keep the bow tie with the waistcoat. It may sound obvious but it's amazing how many bow ties are lost. To complete the uniform the band member will need a pair of black trousers, a white long sleeved shirt, black socks and black shoes (not trainers). The full uniform must be worn at all band jobs, concerts and contests.

Web Site

Please keep up to date with the latest news and job lists by accessing the band's web site at <http://www.pybb.org.uk>.

This is the best way to find out about job, concert arrangements, contest, rehearsal times, transport departure and arrival times and a host of other things too.

And Finally.....

All those who have the best interests of the band at heart wish to see the band be successful. We have a fully committed team of volunteers, helpers and committee members who devote countless hours in the service of the band, and have done so for many years (sometimes decades). We also have many very dedicated and hard working players in the band who are also desperate for the band to succeed and it is our responsibility to help them achieve success.

Without the support of the parents of the band members the band could not function and that support and help is recognised throughout the organisation.

We encourage any parent of a band member to be an active helper or to join the band committee.

If you have any concerns, questions or suggestion please speak to of one of the Band officials.