

KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND

WELCOME PACK

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WELCOME

So you decided to learn a brass instrument! Good! It's amazing!

There are two groups in the Kearsley Youth Brass Band organisation, the Kearsley Training Brass Band, for complete beginners, and the Kearsley Youth Brass Band, for those with a bit more musical experience.

WHEN: The training band rehearses from 5pm-6pm and the youth band rehearses from 6.30-8.15pm. Band is on every Tuesday during term time. Actual term dates will be confirmed as the year progresses.

WHERE: Kearsley Mount Methodist Church
Manchester Road
Kearsley BL4 8QL

Here at KYBB, we aim to develop band members to their full musical potential in a happy, caring and safe environment by:-

- Providing music tuition to all who request it
- Giving an opportunity to perform and show off your skills!
- Fostering high expectations and aspirations
- Maintaining a caring and disciplined ethos amongst our members

A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO BANDING

In Britain, a brass band (which can also be known as a silver band or colliery band) comprises a standardized range of brass and percussion instruments. The modern form of the brass band in the United Kingdom dates back to the 19th century, with a vibrant tradition of competition based around communities.

Below are some links to a bit more information about brass bands.

**BRITISH
BRASS
BANDING
CULTURE**

<https://shorturl.at/uvxKV>

**SOME FAMOUS
EXAMPLES OF
BRASS BANDS**

<https://shorturl.at/axJRT>

**WHAT
INSTRUMENTS
ARE IN THE
BRASS BAND**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qVaTFXPx5tQ>



MEET THE TEAM

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Stephen Tonge



Michael Wilkinson



Ethan McKnight



Cathy Roe



Lou Semmens



Sue Stirzaker



Dorothy Tonge



Amanda Champion



Michael Hurst



Wendy Witts

Stephen Tonge - Chair
Michael Wilkinson - Treasurer
Ethan McKnight - Secretary
Cathy Roe - Safeguarding Officer
Lou Semmens - KYBB Director
Sue Stirzaker - KTBB Director

General Committee Members

Dorothy Tonge
Amanda Champion
Michael Hurst
Wendy Witts



CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to keep the band a welcoming environment for all, we do have some band rules. These apply to everyone, adult or young person, and by joining the band you agree to abide by these rules, both at rehearsals and performances.

1. Follow instructions and behave sensibly at all times.
2. Always walk inside the building, at rehearsals and concerts alike.
3. Be polite, kind and considerate to everyone.
4. Take care of people and property.

Adult learners and mentors should also:

1. Demonstrate maturity and leadership as mentors.
2. Make sure that all young people are included and made welcome at KYBB.
3. Pass onto the committee any concerns relating to the safeguarding of our members and adhere to our Safeguarding policy at all times.
4. Not abuse their age or position of authority to threaten/bully young people.

In the unhappy event that these rules are broken, the committee will hold a disciplinary meeting to decide on an appropriate, proportionate sanction. In the event that a safeguarding risk has occurred, there will be immediate suspension until the matter has been investigated thoroughly





UNIFORM

KEARSLEY TRAINING BRASS BAND UNIFORM

- Purple Polo Shirt (*provided by KTBB*)
- Black Trousers or Skirt
- Black Shoes
- and definitely black socks!

KEARSLEY YOUTH BRASS BAND UNIFORMS

CASUAL UNIFORM

- Your Purple Polo Shirt (*provided by KYBB*)
- Black Trousers or Skirt
- Black Shoes & Socks

FORMAL UNIFORM

- Purple Tie (*provided by KYBB*)
- Long Sleeved White Shirt
- Black Trousers or Skirt
- Black Shoes & Socks



CARING FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT

AN INTRODUCTION

Although they are much more sturdy than other beginner instruments, you should still handle your brass instrument with care.

Here are some basic "dos & don'ts" to get you started.

DO

- Take the mouthpiece out of the instrument when putting it in its case.
- Ask for help oiling your valves if you're unsure.

DON'T

- Use motor oil, vaseline, or ANYTHING other than brass instrument specific valve oil on your instrument's valves.
- Tap on the mouthpiece when it is in the instrument - it'll get stuck!
- Rest your instrument on its bell as it can fall over.
- Drop your instrument!

REHEARSAL ETTIQUETTE

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- **BE ON TIME**

Not only might you miss vital information if you are late, it is also distracting to other members if you enter rehearsal late. Please endeavor to be on time to rehearsal!

- **PLEASE DON'T USE YOUR PHONE DURING REHEARSALS**

As amazing as modern technology is, it is quite distracting during a rehearsal. Please put your phones on silent and don't spend rehearsal scrolling on insta!

- **BE ATTENTIVE & QUIET**

You're learning a new skill, and that takes concentration! Make sure to pay attention during rehearsal and minimise talking unless it is to ask a question so everyone else around you can concentrate too.

- **ASK QUESTIONS IF YOU'RE CONFUSED**

We can't help if we don't know you need help! We want you to learn and succeed, so if you have a question, or are just feeling a bit lost, stick up that hand and ask for help.





WHAT WE PROVIDE FOR YOU

INSTRUMENT

We supply instruments to band members who need them (no hiring fee!)

TUITION

We provide tuition to all who ask for it at either a subsidised rate, or for free.

MUSIC

We provide you with all the sheet music you need to play with the band.

UNIFORM

We provide a polo shirt to all members. Hoodies are also available but we are more limited by size. We ask that you bring your own black trousers/skirt, and black shoes. And ALWAYS black socks!

WHAT WE ASK OF PARENTS

A supportive home environment is a massive component in musical success.

We ask that parents and adult learners attend regularly every week.

We know that some commitments are unavoidable, but the more rehearsals you make, the better you get! If you can't make rehearsal, please let the secretary know. There is an award at our annual awards night for Best Attendance as incentive!

We also ask that any parents who stay for rehearsal do not talk in the main rehearsal room, as it can be very distracting. But we have a specific chatting area available for parents to get to know one another!

HOW TO PAY YOUR SUBS

PLEASE NOTE: THIS ONLY APPLIES TO YOUTH BAND MEMBERS - KEARSLEY TRAINING BAND IS COMPLETELY FREE.

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At KYBB, we ask that you pay subs on a monthly basis, with an automatic monthly payment into the band account if you are able (account details are below). You are also welcome to pay the full year amount in one go should you choose. We have split the annual subs value across 12 months, to make it easy to pay the same amount every month. This does mean that we ask you to continue to pay your member donations across the summer break, to spread the cost evenly over monthly payments.

The member donation amounts are as follows:

- £4 per month for 1 member (£48 per year)
- £6.50 per month for 2 members (£78 per year)
- £8.50 per month for 3 or more members (£102 per year)



Our account details are:

Lloyds Bank

Sort Code: 77-02-09

Account Number: 35253760

We ask that you reference your payments with MD and the player's full name, e.g. MD Joe Smith.





OUR SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENTS

Our Regular Procedures for Safety

- At rehearsals, those under the age of 16 must be accompanied when leaving the rehearsal room to use the toilets to prevent unsolicited contact with strangers in the corridor.
- When assigning uniforms, members must try on sizes over their clothes. Two DBS checked adults will be present within best practice.
- No members under the age of 18 are to be added to any social media groups for the band.
- Only first names of members are to be used in print & digital promotion.

What To Do If You Have Concerns

You can talk confidentially to our Safeguarding Officer Cathy Roe about any issues or concerns you may have. We are, however, duty bound to report any major concerns to the local authority designated officer (LADO).

YOU CAN READ OUR FULL SAFEGUARDING POLICY HERE:
<https://www.kearsleyyouthbrassband.com/policies>



Safeguarding Officer
Cathy Roe



Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion & Caring for Mental Health

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Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

As a charity we strive to eliminate any discrimination within the organisation, including direct or indirect discrimination, discrimination by association, discrimination linked to a perceived characteristic, harassment and victimisation.

We will be proactive in taking steps to ensure inclusion and engagement for all members of the band.

You can read our full EDI Statement here:

<https://www.kearsleyyouthbrassband.com/policies>

Caring for Mental Health

KYBB is committed to developing an environment that drives positive mental health outcomes, being mindful of the sensitivity of learning as both a child and adult in a group setting. We aim to promote an open culture around mental health by increasing awareness of the support on offer and provide mental health support whenever it is required.

You can read our full Mental Health Support Policy here:

<https://www.kearsleyyouthbrassband.com/policies>



COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE & CONTACT

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All members of Kearsley Youth Brass Band have the right to be treated with respect and not to be discriminated against, harassed, bullied, or otherwise abused during their time with the band. In some cases, an incident relating to bullying and harassment may be so serious that it is inappropriate to attempt to resolve it informally. If this is the case, members should raise the issue formally with any member of the committee. If any form of bullying, harassment, abuse, or discrimination is discovered following an investigation, sanctions may be necessary. Any sanction deemed necessary will be decided by the committee and carried out by the Chairperson.

Where the complaint is less serious, an oral warning may be given, or if more serious, a written warning will be given. If a 2nd occurrence happens, following an oral or written warning, or if the complaint is deemed a serious issue, this would result in removal from the membership.

Complaints may also be made to the band email address: kearsleyybb@gmail.com

You can read our full Behaviour Management & Complaints Procedure here:
<https://www.kearsleyyouthbrassband.com/policies>



WELCOME TO THE BAND!

If you have any questions,
just ask us at rehearsal or
via email at
kearsleyybb@gmail.com

Don't forget to fill out your membership form! If you need the link again, just ask a member of staff or email us.