



## From The President's Desk

It's good to see so many people attending rehearsals during these colder months. We encourage everyone to try and attend as often as possible. This year — due to the Committee's hard work — we have seen more gigs in our diary dates, which has kept us all on our toes. I do encourage all members to take an active role in the band to see us moving forward.

*Marc*

## Musical Director's Says...

A few little reminders in the lead up to the festival.

- Rehearsal starts at 7:30pm sharp. I ask that everybody please be set up and warmed up ready to tune.
- Please practice your parts at home and identify the sections that trouble you. The less work that has to be done with individuals during rehearsals, the more work that can be done with the band as a whole.
- Please try and limit the chatter and distractions during rehearsal and... **No Phones!!!**

*Mat*

## Loaning Of Music Folders

The Committee would like to remind members that music folders and other band assets are not to be taken unless approval has been granted. The person borrowing the asset must also ensure that it is available for each rehearsal or performance.

We are happy to loan out the equipment, but we need to ensure that we know where it is at any given time.

## Uniforms

All members should have now been issued with a new shirt. The band shirt is the new image for the band. The first performance in the new shirts was outside on a rather cold day. This meant that many members wore jackets over the shirts. We will look into adding jackets for the colder months, but for now, we ask that members wear additional clothing UNDER their shirts. Where the weather requires us to snuggle up to keep warm, please ensure that with the exception of the shirt, any additional clothing should be BLACK.

To improve the appearance of the band, it is important that everyone looks the same. Along with wearing black, this also requires everyone to ensure their shirts are tucked in.

## Festival Of Bands

Here is a list of upcoming dates to remember. Not only as an act of courtesy, but to help plan the instrumentation for performances and rehearsals, we ask that members please inform Mat of your availability for band engagements so that appropriate steps can be taken to make the band sound full and wholesome.

Upcoming events are as follows...

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**Date:** Sunday, August 16th  
**Event:** Band Festival — Judging  
**Where:** Westbourne Grammar  
**Details:** Current details indicate that we will be the 1st band to perform for the day. Estimated start around 9:00am.

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**Date:** Friday, September 4th  
**Event:** Band Festival — Public Performance  
**Where:** Westbourne Grammar  
**Details:** Details to be advised at a later date.

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## Website

Have you visited our website recently? It is currently being upgraded and now includes a section where you can download samples of the charts we play. More importantly, you can download copies of the charts we are performing for the Band Festival that you can use to practice with.

## AGM Notice

This year's Annual General Meeting has been scheduled to take place after rehearsal on Monday, September 14th.

All positions on the committee are once again open for nominations. Nomination forms will be distributed in the next few weeks. The committee consists of these positions:

President  
Vice-President  
Treasurer  
Secretary  
Librarian  
Engagements Officer  
Ordinary Member (x2)  
Player's Representative (x2)



Please have a think about who you would like on the committee or if you would like to participate.

## Next Committee Meeting

The next Committee Meeting shall be on Monday, August 10th. Everyone is welcome to attend.