



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

### **Partnership working**

As part of the Service Level Agreement between Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust (NMPAT) and its partner schools, NMPAT commits to provide:

The ability and capacity to provide for all of the schools musical education requirements, including:

- First Access whole class teaching and progression routes
- small group and individual lessons
- National Curriculum music teaching
- ensemble coaching, small group teaching and music clubs
- instrumental and vocal provision
- access to exam entry and medal assessment, and to accompanists
- access to continuation routes including Saturday Music and Arts Centres and auditioned County Ensembles

Specialist music education professionals – all NMPAT staff are:

- subject to a safer recruitment process and enhanced DBS disclosures
- trained and certificated in Safeguarding for children and young people
- expected to wear NMPAT identification
- highly skilled and qualified music professionals that participate in ongoing CPD and keep up to date with developments in their practice

Access to and provision from NMPAT's stock of over 10,000 maintained instruments:

- Instruments provided for all First Access delivery
- Instrument loan available for small group delivery
- Access to specialist and high value instruments
- Teaching and practice instruments – e.g. double basses in schools

The management, administration and organisational infrastructure to support NMPAT delivery, including:

- all appropriate employer's liability and public liability insurances
- management of staff and resolution of concerns or disputes
- timetabling
- administration
- all matters relating to NICs, holiday pay, absences, sickness, maternity or paternity leave, etc.
- subsidised costs – through the National Music Grant and additional fundraising from other sources – including some access to bursaries and fees remissions for students

Access for young people, to a wide range of progression routes and follow up opportunities, including:

- Saturday Music Centres, including NMPAT Contemporary, Youth Theatre, Young Actors Company, and Y Not Arts
- residential courses
- masterclasses, family play days, careers events, audition support
- Auditioned County Ensembles
- concerts and performance opportunities – including participation opportunities with the annual Music for Youth festival series
- bursaries and fees remission support
- theory and aural support for exam entrants

Instrumental and vocal teachers who are willing to:

- have a coherent scheme of work for projects, as appropriate (e.g. for First Access)
- liaise with parents through the use of NMPAT practice diaries
- plan sessions with shared deliverers, as appropriate
- discuss progress with schools and teachers
- support schools with concerts as far as possible
- discuss opportunities for ongoing support facilitated by school staff, as appropriate
- provide written Pupil Profiles once a year, for small group and individual students