



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust
**County Youth Concert Band and County Youth Big Band
National Concert Band Festival – Finals**

March 2026

To all CYCB and CYBigB students and families

This letter contains details of our forthcoming performances at the finals of the National Concert Band Festival. If you are not able to attend this event, please record an absence using iPresto or notify the NMPAT office team as soon as possible: office@nmpat.co.uk

Date: Sunday 12th April

Venue: Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, M13 9RD

Tickets are available via the NCBF website – link below. Please make sure that you buy tickets <https://ncbf.info/festival-programmes/>

Coach travel is available for all performers, at a cost of £20 per student, payable on the [NMPAT Shop](#) – scroll to the bottom of the online page. There may be space for supporters to travel with us and spaces will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis (cost of £25 per supporter).

Rehearsal: There will be a rehearsal at NMPAT for both groups on **Friday 10th April**

6.00pm	CYCB rehearsal start
7.00pm	CYCB rehearsal end
7.30pm	CYBigB rehearsal start
8.30pm	CYBigB rehearsal end

Please could you fill out the following online form, by **Monday 23rd March**, to let us know of your travel arrangements and whether you are able to attend the rehearsal on Friday 10th April:

<https://forms.office.com/e/aU4k6rK4jn>

Timings for 12th April:

8.30am	NMPAT gates open for loading
9.20am	Coaches depart NMPAT
12.20pm	Coaches arrive in RNCM
12.50pm	CYBigB warm up
1.20pm	CYBigB performance in Theatre
3.20pm	CYBigB presentation of awards
3.50pm	CYCB warm up
4.20pm	CYCB performance in Concert Hall
5.00pm	CYCB presentation of awards
6.00pm	Coaches depart RNCM
8.30pm	Estimated return to NMPAT

This is a long day and we strongly advise you to bring plenty of refreshments. There may be some food and drink available from facilities at the venue.

Concert dress:

- **CYBigB:** smart, dark suits
- **CYCB:** all black or black trousers, white shirt, bow tie with black jacket

On the day, contact can be made with a member of NMPAT staff using the concert phone number:
01604 816311

Please get in touch if you have any questions or queries about this event.

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