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## Gloucestershire Youth Brass Band

**Two day course led by Ian Porthouse & Tom Davoren**

**Recording for entry to Music For Youth**

**Representing your county through music**

Dear Young Musicians,

I am delighted that you have been nominated (by your tutor or local band) to apply for a position within the Gloucestershire Youth Brass Band (GYBB). In recent years the Gloucestershire Youth Brass Band has taken part in National Championships, Music for Youth and participated in professional workshops and master classes. In 2009 they became the Intermediate Brass Band Champions and, in 2011 performed at the Schools Prom in the prestigious Royal Albert Hall.

The Gloucestershire Brass Band Association (GBBA) and Gloucestershire Music (GM) have secured funding to help re-establish the Gloucestershire Youth Brass Band. Our aim is to provide young players with the chance to rehearse and socialise over a two day course. The end result will be a recording that will be put forward as an entry to Music for Youth (see [www.mfy.org.uk](http://www.mfy.org.uk) for more info). We have secured the services of Ian Porthouse (MD of the Tredegar Band) who will lead the band in January. In addition we will be liaising with Ian to secure sectional tutors and provide some training for band conductors and youth band leaders led by Tom Davoren.

### **Dates for your dairy**

Course dates: Sat 5<sup>th</sup> & Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019. Severn Vale School, School Lane, Quedgeley, Gloucester, GL2 4PR.

### **Representing your band and your county.**

Our wish is to see as many bands represented as possible. It is a real honour to represent your county in any discipline and we sincerely hope that the GYBB will represent bands from across our county.

### **Securing your place**

Our wish is to see as many bands represented as possible, and at this stage we just need young musicians to express their interest in attending.

### **Registering interest and securing a place:**

The band is open to young brass and percussion players Grade 5 to advanced and under the age of 21. Positions within the band and music will very much depend on the uptake. We have been fortunate to secure funding to offset the over 70% of the running costs. There may be a small charge (or less with bursaries available) to cover the remaining of the course but we will endeavour to keep this as affordable as possible.

**To secure your place**, please ask a parent /g/ guardian to email Steven Legge at [steve.legge@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:steve.legge@gloucestershire.gov.uk) or fill out the online form via <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NZ59CZG>. We would also like your comments on transport in case this is also a factor that you feel will prevent you from attending. I very much look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the GYBB in January 2019. Copies of this letter are accessible via the GBBA website: <http://www.gbba-online.org.uk/single-post/2018/05/11/Gloucestershire-Youth-Brass-Band-20182019>.

I very much look forward to hearing from you and welcoming you to the GYBB in January 2019.

Yours sincerely,



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