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Dear BIBB Members and Parents

Bolton Intermediate Brass Band will be participating for the very first time in the National Youth Brass Band Championships at the Royal Northern College of Music, on Sunday 18th April. This is a wonderful opportunity for the players. Competing is an important part of Brass Banding, and as your children progress through the youth band system and into adult banding, the highs and lows of competition will become a very familiar and exciting occasion.

In order for the band to prepare well for the contest, we need to have some extra rehearsals. Some of these will be "sectionals", where small groups of players will rehearse parts in detail with tutors. The Brass Band Parents' Support Group have kindly agreed to fund the cost of 3 additional specialist tutors to work alongside our full time staff to help with the preparations for the contest.

In addition to our normal Wednesday evening rehearsals, players are asked to attend the following;

Sunday 28 th February	10am – 12.00	All Cornets and Basses
Sunday 28 th February	12.00 – 1pm	Percussion
Sunday 7 th March	10am – 12.00	Horns, Trombones, Euphoniums & Baritones
Sunday 21 st March	10am – 1pm	Full Band
Sunday 11 th April	1pm – 3pm	Full Band

This is a major commitment for the band; we will take part in the Training Band Section of the contest. The times have not yet been confirmed but we expect to be playing sometime in the morning. A coach will be provided to take players to the RNCM. We would like parents to come and cheer us on, and collect players after the performance. There will be no return coach.

None of this can happen without the full support of all band members and parents. We want to represent Bolton well, and put on the best contest performance possible on Sunday 18th April.

Yours sincerely

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