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Dear BYBB Members and Parents

Bolton Youth Brass Band will be participating in the National Youth Brass Band Championships at the Royal Northern College of Music, on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April. This is the most important event of the year for BYBB, and a wonderful opportunity for the players to have the chance to compete against some of the UK's finest youth bands.

In order for the band to prepare well for the contest, it is necessary 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 <sup>th</sup> February	1pm – 3pm	All Cornets and Basses
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	1pm – 2pm	Percussion.
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	12.30 – 2.30pm	Horns, Flugels, Trombones, Euphs & Baritones
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	10am – 11.30am	Full Band, then performance in Rochdale.
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	1pm – 3pm	Full Band

This is a major commitment for the band; we will take part in the Advanced Section of the contest. The times have not yet been confirmed but we expect to be playing sometime in the afternoon. 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 18<sup>th</sup> April.

Yours sincerely

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