



WESTMORLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRA

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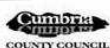
Musical Director
NOEL BERTRAM
FRSM, ARCM,
Dip RCM, LTCL

Notes for potential New Members and their Parents

- to be read in conjunction with the application form

1. We hope you will enjoy and benefit from your time with WYO. If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Staff on rehearsal nights or any of the other contacts given in the application form or on the website.
2. Subscriptions are needed to meet the running costs (currently £18,500 per annum). We are self-funding, but fund-raising, sponsorship and ticket sales mean that your subscriptions are reduced by at least 60%.
3. A committee of parents and others manage the orchestra. We can always do with more helpers, so please contact us if you would like to assist in any way – or indeed offer any suggestions for improvement.
4. During rehearsal times players can seek assistance on any matters from the Staff as necessary (both female and male staff are generally available). There are toilets easily accessible. Please let the staff (i.e. Noel Bertram or Debby Howrie) know about any relevant health problems.
5. Rehearsals are from 7pm until 9 or 9.30 pm unless otherwise notified. A list of finishing times is included in the pack.
6. We run a snack bar in the interval where soft drinks and biscuits can be bought at modest prices and members can get together to socialize. Please note that players are free to leave the premises at this time and therefore the orchestra's supervision. **We assume that you are happy with this situation when your child joins the orchestra, but if this is a problem please contact us!**
7. We do not insure your private instruments whilst at WYO. Please ensure you make your own arrangements.
8. We generally put on public concerts at the end of each term. Dates are available on the Year Card included in the pack and on the notice board. The dress for concerts is currently black tops and black trousers/skirts, with smart black shoes. There is usually a rehearsal at 5pm before each concert.
9. The "Meeting Room" is usually available to parents during rehearsals to read, talk etc and a drink can be made in the "Brew Room".

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