

Dear Parent/Carer

24 March 2026

Re: Hampshire County Youth Bands Open Day – Saturday 18 April 2026

We are delighted to invite young brass and percussion players from across Hampshire to take part in the Hampshire County Youth Bands Open Day on **Saturday 18 April 2026**. This event offers an excellent opportunity for students to experience the excitement, energy, and community of our county-level youth ensembles.

Who Can Attend

We welcome players of the following instruments:

- Cornet or Trumpet
- Tenor Horn
- Euphonium or Baritone
- Trombone
- Tuba
- Percussion

Which Group Is Most Suitable?

We offer three ensembles to support a range of playing standards:

| Group | Standard | Time |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Junior Band | Stage 3+ | 10:00–12:00 |
| Training Band | Stage 5+ | 10:00–12:00 |
| County Band | Grade 7+ | 09:30–12:00 |

Why Join a Youth Brass Band?

Being part of a youth brass band offers far more than musical development. Students gain the opportunity to:

- Meet like-minded young musicians
- Build lasting friendships
- Grow in confidence and musicianship
- Discover their potential
- Become part of a supportive and inspiring musical community

Hampshire County Youth Bands have a long and proud history of concerts, tours, residencies, and workshops led by world-class musicians. We are committed to providing high-quality musical experiences in a positive, ambitious, and inclusive environment.

How to Sign Up

If your child would like to attend the Open Day, please complete the online form using the link below:

[HCYB Open Morning](#)

We very much hope your child will join us for what promises to be an enjoyable and inspiring morning of music-making.

Best Wishes,

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