

CLYWO & CLYTWO PLANS FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Dear CLYWO and CLYTWO Members, Parents and Carers,

I hope this email finds you and your families well.

After not being able to perform together for too long, we are now very pleased to announce that we will be able to restart rehearsals on Tuesday 6th October.

As with most of our lives at the moment keeping everyone as safe as possible, whilst starting to get back to normal activities is the main priority. To achieve this in both ensembles we will be splitting into smaller chamber groups of different instruments to make sure that everyone can socially distance whilst still performing. We will be taking over the whole of Pudsey Civic Hall instead of just the Ballroom, to allow bubbles to remain separate from each other and allow everyone to socially distance properly.

These smaller bubbles will be coached by the expert Wind Orchestra team, and CLYWO will also have a guest coach working with them. In these groups we will be able to explore ensemble skills such as balance, tuning, and performance styles. This new way of working in chamber groups will also allow students to explore their own interpretations of the music and leading ensembles. Once it is safe to do so, we look forward to returning to larger rehearsals and performances.

In this long time without music even Richard Kippen himself has dropped some of his practice time! As a team we think it's vitally important that we have something to aim for in our rehearsals. Obviously we can't have our normal concert, but we will be recording pieces the students have been working on and producing a recorded concert to send out to parents to listen to in November. After this we hope to do our usual Christmas Quiz via Google Classroom, and hosted in Ed's Kitchen, with pre-recorded videos of Christmas music performed by the groups.

This term both groups will be working on versions of two classics. CLYWO will be working on *Pictures at an Exhibition*, and CLYTWO will be looking at *Carnival of the Animals*. If you don't know them please have a look on YouTube. In the bubbles, CLYTWO members will be in groups of students similar ages and grade on instruments, and CLYWO will be in groups of mixed instrumentation.

Finally, to keep everyone safe please read the attached documents. We will also need to tweak the rehearsal times at Pudsey Civic Hall, to allow cleaning in between. Our new planned rehearsal times are:

CLYTWO: 5.15 – 6.30pm. For this half term, anyone auditioning will remain with CLYTWO for now.

CLYWO: Staggered start from 7pm, with the last bubble finishing at 9.15pm. This will be confirmed as we know more information.

To ensure that we can put together bubbles that work well, and plan our timetables, please can you reply before **Friday 2nd October** to let us know whether your child will be returning to face-to-face



rehearsals. If your child would like to remain a Wind Orchestras member but is not able to return to face-to-face rehearsals for any reason please let Ed know.

Please also find attached the enrolment form above. This year's form should be editable as a Word Document rather than needing printed out! We look forward to seeing everyone on the 6th of October! If you have any questions please email Edward.Roberts@leeds.gov.uk.

As ever,

Ed, Richard, Alison and Ian
The Wind Orchestra team

