



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer

The Crossley Heath Band

I am writing to express how pleased I am with the progress of The Crossley Heath Band. Over the past year, under the excellent guidance of Mrs Callaghan, the Band have performed and made links with Ravenscliffe School and performed on our schools' return to the minster at Christmas. They have also taken part in a wind band workshop and concert performance with Rossendale Valley Sounds, recorded an entry for Music for Youth (which received excellent feedback) and performed superbly at our recent 'Ensembles Showcase'. Repertoire is growing as is the size of the band membership.

Next year, the band will be performing in Paris, and we have a number of other potentially exciting opportunities for 2025-26. And, during the next few weeks, we have a number of other opportunities that I wanted to inform you about.

Firstly, on Thursday 19 June, we have the return of our Arts Showcase. This is an event that used to happen annually before Covid. We would really like band to be involved in this. It is a 6pm start and band members will need to be dressed in school uniform and arrive for 5:30pm. We will hopefully have some time for rehearsal and set up in the afternoon and I will students should be able to stay in school in between the end of the school day if they need to. Tickets for this are now available on ParentPay priced at £4 with students being free.

Secondly, on Wednesday 25 June, Midgley Primary School have invited our band to perform and be involved in their Performing Arts week. This will involve us taking students by minibus to the school during the afternoon and returning to school in time for the school buses at the end of the day.

Thirdly, on Friday 11 July, on the back of our entry to the Music for Youth festival, MfY have asked us to travel down to Birmingham and perform as part of the National Festival of Music for Youth fringe. This is an amazing opportunity where they will get to perform, watch other performances from the main stages and take part in a Jazz workshop. The cost of this is £26 per student to cover the cost of transport and is available to pay on ParentPay. The deadline for this is Friday 27 June. The coach will leave school at 7am on the day and return at around 5pm in the evening.

Please could you indicate on my form below, your child's availability for the above events?

<https://forms.office.com/e/Sz6VAD8qHw>

Thank you for your support.

Mr R Nimmo
Head of Music