



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Music for Youth Birmingham trip arrangements – Friday 11 July

We are really looking forward to our trip to Birmingham where The Crossley Heath Band will perform at the National Festival of Music for Youth (MFY) Fringe in Birmingham on Friday 11 July 2025. This is following our recorded entry to the Music for Youth regional festival. It is a fantastic opportunity for our students to perform in a national setting, experience a wide range of youth music performances, and take part in a professionally-led jazz workshop. We are so pleased that your child is involved.

We will be meeting at the back of school, near the bus bays at 6:45am on Friday 11 July. The coach is due to depart at 7am so it is important that everybody arrives promptly, ready with their instrument (if applicable) and any extra things such as valve oil, reeds etc that they may need to perform. Students will need to bring a packed lunch as we will not be able to purchase food in Birmingham. They will also need to bring a refillable water bottle. Full, smart, school uniform is required please, as we are representing Crossley Heath. Sixth form students just need to be in smart dress please.

When we arrive in Birmingham, we will sign in, and are due to perform at 11am in the Jennifer Blackwell Performance Space at Symphony Hall. The whole fringe session runs between 10:15am and 12pm so we will have the opportunity to watch other performances too. After our fringe session finishes, we will walk a short distance to the CSBO Centre where we will have our packed lunches outside, and watch some of the main stage performances at the venue. We will then take part in a Jazz Workshop between 13:30 and 14:30.

After this, we will depart and are expecting to be back at school for around 5pm. Please come and collect your child from school, by the bus bays. If they normally make their own way home from school, please confirm this by signing my form below so that I can allow them to sign out without a parent. We will ask students to update you on our ETA as we are travelling back. <https://forms.office.com/e/KaChM5fZ12>

Some parents have been in touch asking if it might be possible to watch students perform live in Birmingham. This is fine as there is free entry to the festival fringe. If you would like to watch other performances on the main stages, however, you would need to purchase tickets which are available via the link below. (<https://bmusic.co.uk/music-for-youth>). Our students will all have wristbands which enable them to get into the main stage performances without charge.

This promises to be a memorable day where students can celebrate their musical achievements, enjoy a national platform, and engage with other young musicians from across the country. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, feel free to get in touch via email (r.nimmo@crossleyheath.org.uk).

Thank you for your support.

Mr R Nimmo (Head of Music)