

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING INSTRUMENT CHOICE/ALLOCATION

Instruments for TB2021 available are:

Instrument	Preferred no. in TB2021
Flute	8
Clarinet	10 to 12
Alto Saxophone	7 to 8
Trombone	5 to 6
Trumpet	8
Bass guitar	1
Percussion	6
Lower brass – Tuba / Baritone /Euphonium	2
Lower brass – French Horn	2 to 4

You can learn more about each instrument using the below link:

<https://www.nswpolicebandwelcometotheband.com/>

Please give some consideration to choosing the larger instruments, such as the lower brass. They may be slightly big to start with but there are ways around the size difficulties and the musical opportunities for children playing these instruments are many and varied. Children who play these instruments, are always in demand for youth bands and orchestras as well as being sought after by high schools.

For players of some large instruments there may also be the opportunity to keep the hired instrument at home and use an instrument housed at school for rehearsals, so there would be no transporting required (except for performances at external venues).

Flutes, clarinets, bass guitar and trumpets may be hired from the school for two years only. The larger, more expensive instruments may be hired for the duration of your child's time at Beecroft.

Instrument information and suitability session for the Children will be conducted ONSITE on Monday 23rd Nov, 2020. Students will meet the Band Conductors at 2:00 pm to check suitability of instruments for children (parents are not required to attend). Children will need to be collected by 3:25 like any other school day or go to BOOSH if they attend BOOSH

Just like a sporting team needs players at every position to win the game, every band needs a mix of larger (lower) and smaller (higher) instruments in order to achieve a balanced sound. The band committee and band conductors do their best to accommodate preferences. However, we cannot guarantee your child will get their first choice of instrument. We take multiple factors into account before offering instruments to each student, including instrument availability, physical suitability of the student for the instrument (e.g. not giving students an instrument too large for them to hold) and sound balance of the band, as well as student preference.

The Band & Strings Program is managed by volunteers and meets once a month. If you would like to find out more about joining the committee, please contact Megan Hobbs (beecroftpsensemblecommittee@gmail.com)

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