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1. POSITION

- 1.1. Job Title: Adjudicator: National Youth Brass Band Championships of Great Britain
- 1.2. Company: Brass Bands England
- 1.3. Location: King Edward's School, Birmingham
- 1.4 Hours of work: Approximately 6 hours (may vary)
- 1.5 Salary: Standard fee £250 plus expenses

2. GENERAL

The Youth Champs travels to Birmingham on 28 March 2026, and we are seeking a minimum of six highly charismatic, engaging and musically skilled individuals to adjudicate the four divisions of the contest.

Showcase Section (18 and under)

- Non-competitive section
- Own-choice programme of either 10 or 15 minutes (band's personal preference).
- No awards but constructive verbal feedback will be given publicly by the adjudicators at the end of the section to each band.
- Written feedback from adjudicators will be provided to band leaders on how they can progress their ensemble.

Performance Section (18 and Under)

- All bands will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement (Gold, Silver, Bronze or Merit) to indicate their level of playing in the section.
- Bands will perform an own-choice programme not exceeding 15 minutes, which must include at least one original brass band work. There is no set test-piece.
- Trophies will be given to bands placing 1st to 3rd, plus best soloist.
- Written feedback from adjudicators will be provided to each band.

(NEW FOR 2026) Challenge Section (18 and under)

- All bands will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement (Gold, Silver, Bronze or Merit) to indicate their level of playing in the section.
- Bands will perform an own-choice programme not exceeding 20 minutes, which must include one set work from a pre-selected list.
- Trophies will be given to bands placing 1st to 3rd, plus best soloist.
- Written feedback from adjudicators will be provided to each band.

Championship Section (18 and under)

- All bands will be awarded a Certificate of Achievement (Gold, Silver, Bronze or Merit) to indicate their level of playing in the section.
- Bands will perform an own-choice programme not exceeding 20 minutes, which must include this year's 9-minute test piece: ***Neverland* by Christopher Bond**.
- Trophies will be given to bands placing 1st to 3rd, plus best soloist.
- Written feedback from adjudicators will be provided to each band.

3. DESCRIPTION OF JOB CONTENT

Objectives

- To provide clear and coherent verbal and written feedback to bands and conductors.
- To provide advice and guidance on how ensembles can improve in a constructive way.
- To ensure a fair outcome to the competitive elements of the event.
- To engage with the positive and collaborative ethos of the Youth Champs and represent BBE's education arm.

4. PERSON SPECIFICATION

The Youth Champs Adjudicators should possess:

- Competent musicianship including the ability to read and understand brass band scores.
- Good judgement, including the ability to rank and categorise performances appropriately.
- The ability to use IT in the adjudication process (Google Docs) and handle scores in digital format (provided in advance). It is compulsory to use the digital system provided in adjudicating this event.
- Excellent communication skills.
- The ability to enthuse and inspire young people.
- Experience working with young people.

- (Desirable) Knowledge and enthusiasm for the brass banding sector.
- Good personal presentation.

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