



THURROCK MARCHING BRASS
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Open British Colourguard Champions 1996, 2002, 2003
A class British colourguard Champions 2008
Junior British Colourguard Champions 2002
World Colourguard championship participants 2003, 2008

Joint Announcement

Press Release

TA Cadets to Merge with TMB

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Over the past weeks the Directors at The Academy Performance Ensemble (TA) and the Trustees of Thurrock Marching Brass (TMB) have been discussing the possibility of merging the TA Cadets back into the Corps, which will open up a number of additional performance opportunities for all concerned.

Discussions have now been concluded and the TA Cadets Guard has now been officially merged into the Corps, effective immediately. "The Academy Cadets" will now compete in WGUK under the original name of "Thurrock Academy" representing Thurrock Marching Brass.

Speaking of the merger, Corps Director Darren Crisp states "I am extremely delighted to have concluded these discussions with like minded people who are also part of a very large Family group indeed. Anyone that has been through the ranks of Thurrock Marching Brass will know just what I mean there, and to be able to provide our young Colourguard with the opportunities to work with some of the UK's most talented instructors will give them the very experiences that we have all set out to provide. I hope that the structure of the organization will help them all to grow further over time and develop their talents in the best possible way as I know they are all so capable of. It is indeed good to be back!"

TA Guard Director Lisa Darton added "This is an historic moment in the life of the re-launched Corps and for our cadets who will now have an infrastructure around them geared up for their age range and will provide them all with wider performing opportunities not just in the winter but all season through the Summer as well. It genuinely feels like coming home, and those involved in the Corps have an amazing drive and passion for the kids to achieve which reminds me so much of how we all were during the times when the Corps was at its strongest. This merger will have no affect on TA's Open or A Class guards as the Corps age range is set for the younger element, however, I have no doubts at all that as these young performers develop that the strong relationship that we all have will lead to the members developing further and into the senior level guards at TA. Myself, Darren Darton and Cheryl Corcoran will continue to teach the Cadets and the TA Senior Guards".

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