



## BYBA Northern Star Contest 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008

The band took part in its first National contest of 2008 with the British Youth Band Association at the annual Northern Star Youth Band Contest on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

Just a week prior the bands management had considered a complete withdrawal from the contest due to a number of factors affecting the bands quality of performance, including several school trips which meant many members had missed important rehearsals over the month leading up to the contest, and injuries including three broken fingers and severely bruised shoulders picked up through other sporting activities.

However, the band management decided that it was still possible to perform to a good standard despite the previous problems, and made the hard decision of taking to the contest field with only half a visual show, and a newly learned closing number to the musical repertoire.

Despite the reduced performance that was given on the day the band still managed to place 4<sup>th</sup> overall, even with three captions being hugely restricted in terms of scoring, and also picked up a 1<sup>st</sup> place for Field Percussion.

Joint Band Director Phil Johnson commented “Given that we only marched half a visual show and had only just learned the closing number it was fantastic that we were able to place 4<sup>th</sup> and come home with a trophy for best percussion section too. Both myself and Adrian are extremely proud of the members for their hard work in getting here today”.

Centurion’s next contest is the BYBA Academy Brass Contest which is held at Barnsley AFC on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2008, where the band look forward to being able to field a complete audio visual show.

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