



Pendle  
Young Musicians'  
Bursary

## PYMB WINNERS FACT FILE

### BENJAMIN HARTNELL-BOOTH – FRENCH HORN



**Age** – 20

**Where do you study?** – Merton College, Oxford

**What is your home town?** – Rochdale

**Proudest moment of your life?** – I recently played 1<sup>st</sup> Horn in Mahler's 9<sup>th</sup> Symphony in the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford and I don't think I've ever been more elated (or relieved!) at the end of a performance.

**Favourite piece of music to play?** – Tim Jackson's *Etude – Don't Make it Bad*. It features very satisfying multiphonics on the horn and it's just great fun to play.

**Can you share one quote or saying you love?** – Terry Pratchett, "Give a man a fire, he's warm for a day. Set a man on fire, he's warm for the rest of his life."

**If you were a box of cereal, what would you be and why?** – Corn Flakes. Some might say it was simple, I would say humble. The Corn Flake has been around for over a century now with fairly little change but has gone on to produce delicacies like the chocolate cornflake cake and the classic sugary cereal, Frosties.

**Would you be willing to eat a bowl of maggots for £50,000?** – Of course? That'd be my student debt gone right there and in some cultures they're a delicacy, so they can't be *that* bad.

**If you were on death row, what would your last meal be?** – I think I'd have a nice black pudding starter, followed by a beef roast (Yorkshire puddings are essential) and, for dessert, a large portion of sherry trifle.