



12 September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

YEAR 7 PERFORMANCE AT YOUNG VOICES IN THE O2 ARENA

Your daughter has the exciting opportunity to perform at the Young Voices concert in the O2 arena on Friday 19 January 2024 (www.youngvoices.co.uk). This is an amazing opportunity for the students to participate in a world-class concert with around 7000 pupils from schools around the United Kingdom. The concert also includes performances from Urban Strides, one of the UK's leading street dance troupes, together with the incredible drummer, Nandi Bushell, the rapper, MC Grammar, and others. Your daughter will be part of the massed choir, performing material they will have learnt in class during the second half of this term and they will be provided with a login to access to the resources to practise at home. A very large proportion of the year group performed last year and thoroughly enjoyed it.

I have been involved with these concerts for many years and can assure you that it will be a day that they will never forget. Students will be departing from Turnfurlong by coach at 11:30 and returning to Turnfurlong at 23:00 and will be accompanied by approximately 8 adults depending on the number of students. Please arrange to collect your daughter from Turnfurlong at the time given. Pick-up at the O2 arena will not be possible due to the nature of the event, and the number of people leaving the arena at that time.

The cost of the trip is **£28**.

NB - There is a very tight turnaround this year, as the date set by Young Voices for parent ticket orders has been brought forward. Could you therefore please make payment on Parentmail by Monday 25 September so that I can process the ticket order in time. Payment for this trip will be opened on ParentMail at 19:00 on **THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER. We are keen for everyone in Year 7 to have the opportunity to attend this trip but I will need to finalise numbers with Young Voices by the above date, and therefore sign-up by this date is essential. If you are unable to find the payment item on your homepage in ParentMail you can search for the item in your shop page. Refunds for students dropping out of the trip will not be possible except for cancellation due to medical reasons, confirmed by a doctor.**

There is also an option to purchase a t-shirt pack for your daughter. These are optional, but your child must wear a plain white t-shirt to the concert if they do not purchase a Young Voices branded pack at **£16.50**.

If you would like to come to the concert then we can order tickets for you, which should ensure you are sitting in a position to see the school. These are priced at **£25** each and usually sell out, so there is a large possibility that you will not be able to purchase tickets at a later date through the O2.

Both of these optional extras must be purchased via ParentMail when you sign your daughter up for the concert.

We would not want anyone to be unable to take part because of financial circumstances. If you would like to apply for financial support for this trip (whether or not your daughter is eligible for Pupil Premium Funding), please complete the confidential 'Request for Financial Assistance' form accessed via the Parents' section of the website by **Friday 22 September**. Please use the reference Trip Code: **23-ZYVCO**.

Consent and Medical Details

Ticking the relevant box when making payment in ParentMail constitutes consent to this activity. Please note that the student medical information and your contact details that we hold on record will be used for the

trip, so if anything has changed since you last updated us, please email the changes to your daughter's Pastoral Support Assistant.

As with all trips, we want students and staff to have an enjoyable experience. If either you or the school have any concerns about your daughter's ability to participate then it is vital that we discuss at an early stage how the school can appropriately support her and ensure the trip is suitable for her.

Information regarding trips and visits including the code of conduct, insurance arrangements and voluntary contributions can be found on the school website in the 'What's On' section.

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school, either directly or through your daughter.

Yours faithfully

Mark Warner

Director of Music