

5th December 2013

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In June I wrote to you regarding a Music project that your child was going to be involved in. Firstly, let me apologise for the time it has taken to organise the following details. It has been a lengthy process in order to ensure that the plan best meets the needs of all the students involved.

Below are details of the project and trips that your child will be involved in this year. In order for your child to be part of the project they must commit themselves to all trips and rehearsals. There is no cost for any of the trips as the project is being funded and produced by Orchestras Live in partnership with The Mighty Creatives, Derbyshire County Council, North East Derbyshire Council and Arts Council England.

This is a three year project and so the hope is that your child will continue the project next year and in the third year of the project your child will be performing with the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra! The first stage of the three-year music project begins next term when your child will be working with musicians from Baby People and the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra.

This project is a great opportunity for your child to experience music in a wider context. It will, I am sure, have a great impact on their musical understanding and will have great benefit to them if they are currently studying music GCSE or intend to. (There aren't many people that will be able to say that they have worked with and performed with the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra!)

The details and important dates and times for the first year of the project are as follows:

Monday 27th January 2014 – A visit to the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra: performance, back stage tour and workshop: 8.30am – 6pm (Packed lunch needed)

Wednesday 19th March 2014 – Practical after school session delivered by a musician. 3.15pm – 5pm in Music Block. Students will need to be collected from school or make their own way home.

Thursday 27th March 2014 and Wednesday 2nd April 2014 – Days working with the Birmingham Symphony Orchestra and other musicians at Eckington School: 8.30am – 5pm. On these days your child will need to be picked up from school at 5pm.

Wednesday 9th April – Rehearsal – 3.15pm – 6.45pm at Eckington School. At 6.30pm students will perform the five minute piece of work that they have composed at the beginning of the year 10 raising achievement evening.

Students must wear school uniform and should bring packed lunches on each of the days where they are off timetable.

Please could you fill out the forms attached to this letter to give your child permission to participate in the trips and workshops.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Needham or Mr Mellors.

Yours Faithfully

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