



January 2015
Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you about an exciting opportunity for all of our choirs this term. On Saturday 14th March all three ensembles will be participating in a performance at the Sheldonian theatre in Oxford. This is part of a project called *Orchestrate*, which is a joint project coordinated by Dr John Trail Director of Music at St Anne's College Oxford and Director of the County Youth Orchestra. It will involve Wood Green School, Bartholomew School, Cherwell School, the County Youth Orchestra and students of the University of Oxford. The students of Oxford University will be arranging well known folk songs for the different choirs to sing with the County Youth Orchestra accompanying them. The Senior Choir and Chamber Choir will have their own individual parts arranged for them to sing on their own and the Junior Choir will be forming part of the massed choir. All schools will perform the first and last movements of the piece.

As already stated the performance will take place at the Sheldonian theatre on Saturday 14th March at 11:00am. There will be two rehearsals with the orchestra, one on Saturday 28th February at 11:30am - 12:45pm and one on the day of the performance starting 9:30am at the Sheldonian. Parents will be invited to attend the performance and details about tickets will be available nearer the time. The Oxford University students and Dr Trail also hope to attend a choir rehearsal and do some work with the Senior Choir.

This is a really exciting opportunity and I have chosen to participate in this event rather than the Music for Youth Festival that we usually do this term, as I feel the students will get more out of the performance and the work leading up to it. I am asking parents to provide transport to and from both venues please, as providing transport via a coach would cost each family a significant amount of money. Any questions please contact me either by phone or email.

Yours Sincerely

Mr Cox
Director of Music

Reply slip

Name..... Tutor.....

I give permission for my son/daughter to attend the *Orchestrate* project on Saturday 14th March and the rehearsal on Saturday 28th February.

I confirm I have made transport arrangements for my child to and from the venue.
There are no medical details that would affect my child taking part in the event.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer.

Please return to the Music Department by no later than Thursday 29th January