

Dear families,

Harmonize is our TMA choir, and while we perform at many different events over the academic year, our biggest challenge is always taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena. This year, I am holding a parents' information evening at 6:00pm – 6:45pm on Wednesday 12th July all about Harmonize's visit to Young Voices 2024. At the information evening you can find out what the Young Voices event involves, what Harmonize is all about, and how your child can be involved next academic year. Our concert date will be Friday 19th January 2024, and as always it is certain to be a really fantastic experience.

YOUNG VOICES INFORMATION EVENING

All parents are welcome at the YV information evening, even if your child has been to Young Voices before, and it will be an opportunity to find out all about the day itself, how to get your child ready for the concert and hear some of next year's songs. The fee we ask for covers our coach costs, we try to keep this as low as we can but with rising prices there has been an increase to £27.50 for your child to attend the YV concert. If your child is currently in Harmonize there will be the opportunity to pay this fee, which books their place at the Young Voices concert, from Monday 3rd July. Our closing date for any payments regarding YV is Friday 29th September, but if all our places are filled before then we will compile a waiting list. Please note that the coach fee and all other YV related payments are non-refundable.

If your child plans to become part of Harmonize in September, we will have a letter and information about joining for you at the information evening; this letter will also become available on our website after 12th July. Harmonize is an incredibly popular club, and last year we had 150 children attend the Young Voices concert, so places are limited and the waiting list will be compiled on a first come, first served basis. The chance to sign up for YV and pay the coach fee will be made available for new Harmonize members in September.

If you would like to attend the YV information evening, please confirm using the online form via this link: <https://forms.gle/TtNZJaFigBwfptCc9>

HARMONIZE SUMMER CONCERT

For children currently in Harmonize, our last session is Wednesday 12th July, and we are holding our postponed Spring Concert that evening. At 4:00pm, we would like to invite parents to an outside performance, where we will share what we've been learning. The performance will take place on the field, so please enter through the field gates at 3:50pm and bring picnic blankets or camping chairs with you for your comfort. If the forecast is for bad weather, we may need to make alternative arrangements or cancel the event, but we will do our best to make sure the performance goes ahead.

After the concert, you will then be able to collect your child at 4:30pm as normal, or they can follow their usual routine for the end of the club. Please be reminded that if you need to make alternative pick-up arrangements, we must have this in writing to Reception in advance, or we will be unable to release your child until we make contact with you to confirm. Please note that Wednesday 12th July is our last Harmonize session of the year, and if your child is rejoining us in September, please make sure that you look out for the Harmonize invite letter and return the slip as soon as possible.

Many thanks,

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