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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena – Wednesday 22 January 2025

Your child is invited to attend the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena, London on Wednesday 22 January 2025. Young voices is billed as the largest children's choir concert in the world and will involve children from many different schools singing together, the sound of which will, I am sure, be incredible to witness.

In order to take part in this concert your child will need to attend all rehearsals on a Thursday morning during registration from Thursday 26 September 2025. As places are limited, the expectation is that your child is available for all rehearsals. If there is an exceptional circumstance and your child cannot attend, parents need to contact me via email - j.robbs@wildern.org.

Performance day – Wednesday 22 January 2025 (more details to follow upon sign up to the trip)

9.30am - The coach leaves Wildern School

2.00pm - 5.00pm - Rehearsals in the main O2 arena

7.00pm - 8.45pm - Concert

Children will need to ensure they have a packed lunch and dinner with them.

Approx. 9.15pm - Leave venue and arrive back at Wildern School at 11.30pm for parents to collect.

The cost of the trip will be £31.50. If your child qualifies for pupil premium funding, you will be required to pay £10.00 and the school will subsidise the rest, but you will still be required to pay for an audience ticket should you want one. There is also an opportunity for students to purchase t-shirts to wear at the event.

Audience tickets

Once you have signed your child up to take part, you have made payment and your place has been confirmed, you will be invited to the Young Voices Music Room online via letter. From here you will be able to purchase tickets for the event and also a Young Voices t-shirt (the YV t-shirt is not compulsory, a plain white top will suffice).

Please complete the parental agreement form online through your ParentPay account to give consent for your child to attend this trip. You will be asked to provide your emergency contact details



and any relevant medical information. If a deposit, or full payment, is required this will also need to be paid at the time. If you have not already activated your ParentPay account and require your login details please do not hesitate to contact the Finance Office at finance@wildern.org.

If you have been notified that we as a school receive Pupil Premium funding for your child, the cost of this trip will be partly covered. If this is the case, your ParentPay account will automatically reflect this but please complete the consent, emergency contact information and medical details through ParentPay as usual. The same procedures regarding oversubscription for the trip will apply.

If you would like your child to attend please complete the online ParentPay medical and consent section accompanied by a payment of £31.50 by Monday 23 September 2024.

There are 44 places available. In the event of oversubscription we will endeavour to take into consideration any students who may have missed out on trips previously due to oversubscription, and will allocate any further places by drawing names out of a hat. In the event of a place not being allocated, any monies received will be returned.

When taking a trip we take as many students as possible within the constraints we are bound by. We have to consider venue restrictions, travel arrangements and the impact on the rest of the school when staff are taken out of their curriculum areas to support a trip. Staff running and supporting our school trips often do this outside of their working hours and do so voluntarily. As a school we work extremely hard to get this balance right for all parties involved.

Photographs and updates from this trip will be put on the Schools 'Wildern Trip' accounts: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) & [Twitter](#)

Teachers accompanying trips carry enormous responsibility for the students in their care. The Senior Leadership Team reserve the right to withdraw students from the trip at any time should a student's attitude or behaviour not meet our expectations as a school. The Senior Leadership team will also consider whether allowing a student on a trip will cause concern with regards to safeguarding for them, other students or staff, and will make a decision based on this should it be necessary.

If you have any further enquiries do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Robbins
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