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8 September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Re: Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena - Tuesday 30 January 2024**

Your child is invited to attend the Young Voices concert at the O2 arena, London, on Tuesday 30 January 2024. 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, will 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 21 September 2023. As places are limited, the expectation is that your child is available for **all rehearsals** and under exceptional circumstances, parents need to contact me direct.

#### **Performance day, Tuesday 30 January 2024 (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.

**Cost** - The cost of the trip will be £27. If your child qualifies for pupil premium funding, the school will meet the costs of sending your child on this trip but you will still be required to pay for an audience ticket should you want one.

**As places are limited, please can you complete this [google form](#) by Thursday 14 September 2023 expressing your child's interest in taking part.** If oversubscribed, the school will select names at random to allocate places for the trip. Once this process has been completed, you will be notified and if successful, you will be able to pay on parent pay.

**Audience tickets** - Once you have signed your child up to take part and you have made payment, you will be given the chance to buy a ticket as an audience member. Tickets are £25 and will initially be limited to one per child.

**There are 44 places available.** In the event of oversubscription we will allocate places by drawing names out of a hat. 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

**Mrs E Thomas**

Director of the Wildern Music Academy