



The Manor
PREPARATORY SCHOOL

31 May 2011

Dear Parents

Music Ensembles September 2011

As part of the Music Department's initiative to give more young musicians the opportunity to perform with an ensemble and to ensure that all instrumentalists take part in at least one ensemble, we are publishing a list of ensemble timings and, where necessary, the names of instrumentalists who will be expected to attend rehearsals of certain ensembles (lists can be viewed on the password protected area of the Parent's page of the school website).

We would like you to select the group(s) that your daughter would like to perform with in September, by **Friday 10 June** so that we can then move on to publish the lists of School Clubs and timings that will also be available in September.

Please note that as of September 2011 if your daughter has instrumental and or singing lessons in school she will be expected join at least one of the groups listed below. Performing with any of the ensembles is an essential part of a young musician's education. Learning to rehearse and perform with a large group is a skill that all musicians have to learn and is immensely enjoyable. School music making needs the support of everyone who studies either within the department or privately at home. Some more advanced players may well be expected to perform in more than one group. All groups are free unless indicated. Membership of these groups runs throughout the academic year and is especially important during the Autumn and Spring terms.

Upper School Choir

Thursday 8.55am-9.20am

Friday 1.25pm-2.00pm

Open to everyone in Y5&6. No audition.

Please note that as of September 2011 Chamber Choir and Upper School Choir will be merged to become one group. This group will meet for two half hour sessions a week. All members will rehearse on Friday at 1.25pm and Y5&6 will alternate for the Thursday 8.55am slot.

Middle School Choir

Monday 1.25pm

Open to everyone in Y3&4. No audition.

Training Orchestra

Tuesday 1.25pm

Open to everyone who plays an instrument and has not yet passed Grade 1. Please see attached list of players for September who will be expected to attend this or an equivalent ensemble.

Orchestra

Friday 4.15pm-5.00pm

Open to all players who have achieved Grade 1 or higher. Please see the attached lists of instrumentalists who are expected to join this ensemble.

String Group (Intermediate)

Thursday 8.10am

Please see the attached lists of instrumentalists who are expected to join this ensemble

Junior Strings (Beginners)

Tuesday 8.10am

Please see the attached lists of instrumentalists who are expected to join this ensemble

Chamber Group (Advanced)

Monday 8.10am

Please see the attached lists of instrumentalists who are expected to join this ensemble.

Wind Band (Chargeable)

Wednesday 1.25pm

Open to all wind players who have achieved Grade I or higher.

Cello Ensemble (Chargeable)

Thursday 1.25pm

Open to all players

Harp Ensemble (Chargeable)

Thursday Afternoon

All harpists.

Occasional rehearsals prior to concerts.

Guitar Ensemble(Chargeable)

Friday 1.25pm

Open to all guitarists.

Please indicate your choices of ensemble and/or confirm your place for orchestra and string groups by e-mailing Ms Glaisher by **Friday 10 June**.

Best wishes



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