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Dear Parents/Carers,

Young Voices Concert, Thursday 11th January 2024

We are very excited that the Young Voices are gearing up for a spectacular 2024 concert series, featuring the young drummer, Nandi Bushell; the rap star, MC Grammar; as well as the resident live band and street dance crew, Urban Strides, who get everybody moving! This unique event offers our children a wonderful opportunity to perform alongside thousands of others in a fantastic arena event, watched by parents and friends.

The children will learn the songs during choir sessions (sign up on the clubs letter) and they can continue to practise the words and dance moves at home, using lyric sheets, the [YV Spotify playlist](#) and, shortly, the online resource provided by Young Voices, My Classmate. The children will need to know all lyrics off by heart by the end of term.

This year we are asking for a contribution of £13.50 towards the transport costs of the trip. We will travel by coach to and from the arena, sharing with other Newman Collegiate schools. As we are sharing transport, it may be necessary to collect children from St Mary's or St Margaret Ward; final arrangements will be shared once we know the full itinerary at the end of the trip. There will not be time to dismiss children safely from the venue. Please meet us back at school at about 10.30pm.

We will not be ordering Young Voices T-shirts for the children this time and ask that they wear a plain white t-shirt. If they have one, they can use a Young Voices t-shirt from a previous concert.

Audience tickets for friends and family are £23 each and are ordered through school using the form attached. Please make all payments via Scopay by Friday 29th September 2023. If audience members have additional needs, please use the space on the attached form to indicate any requirements at the time of booking, so they can be accommodated.

It truly is a high-energy, magical event. Parents visiting for the first time often say "I didn't think it was going to be *that* good!" I strongly encourage you to attend, if you can, and support our children.

Please complete the attached Young Voices permission slip and audience ticket order and return to school as soon as possible. Be advised that concert tickets sell out very quickly and we can only place our order with Young Voices for audience tickets once we have all payments in Scopay.

A small amount of last-minute tickets are sold directly by the NEC box office at an increased price, but there is no guarantee that these will be available.

The NEC has its own Covid-safe arrangements and parents are asked to check out the requirements for entry to the venue at <https://www.thenec.co.uk/visitors/>

Please direct any questions about the trip to myself, via the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amison
Music Teacher

If you require this document in any other format please contact the office.



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