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Executive Principle James Rolfe

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RE: Sing Out! Year 7 Choir on Monday Lunchtimes.

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Firstly, I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I have been really impressed by your child's commitment to the Cedars Values of Being Kind and Respectful, Working Hard, and Taking Responsibility. As a result, they have really set up for a good start in Music and are making good progress.

I wanted to take this opportunity to inform you of a fantastic extra-curricular activity available for your child this Autumn.

As of **Monday 23rd October**: The Cedars Choir, '**Sing Out!**' will be launching its first Rehearsal. This will be a Singing group for only Year 7 Students. We will meet in MU1 and it will take place at Lunch times from 12:45-13:20pm.

I am asking that for this day only, students who are involved, please bring in a packed lunch so that rehearsals are not delayed by students waiting to queue. This squeezes out opportunities to warm up for singing which is essential. Students will be able to eat their lunch in MU1 upon arrival and we will be able to start singing by 12:55pm. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, these can be collected as per arrangement at break time from the canteen.

I am asking for a commitment from students to attend for at least 10 weeks. This is because, choirs form and develop more consistently when everyone knows what they are singing and where their voice fits in the mix.

Like in Rugby training or in football training, for example, the development of everyone's skills matters and if one person is not as committed, it has a knock-on effect for everyone when it comes to a match, in this instance, a concert.

I am looking for committed, hard working individuals who are up for a challenge, want to develop their voice and who want to be part of a team of students who will be representing their school in various events arranged throughout the year.

In collaboration with Leicestershire Music, we are planning to take a maximum of 40 Students to a **Singing Workshop on Tuesday 5th December** in The Venue at De Montfort University to develop their voices and to bond as a choir. Over the course of the Term, we will learn a set of specially chosen songs and join with other schools to take part in a workshop run by Sharon Durant who works for 'Sing Up'; a National project promoting singing in schools.





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We enjoy a positive partnership with Leicestershire Music and later in this academic year, we plan to take part, along with other schools in their Musical Theatre Workshop which is being held at De Montfort Hall on **Wednesday April 10th 2024** and Massed Show Choir Concert along-side West End Performers and MD's at the De Montfort Hall on **Thursday April 25th 2024**.

There will be further opportunities for the choir to 'Sing out!' throughout the school year including our '**Cedars has Talent**' show on **Wednesday 20th December**, which will be a ticketed event where parents can come and support the performances.

I will be issuing a separate T-Shirt letter once I have an idea of numbers so that in concerts we can stand out amongst the rest of the performers whilst we perform.

Please can you reply to this letter no later than **Monday 23rd October** to say that your child is signing up for 'Sing Out!' this term and that they will bring a packed Lunch with them every Monday.

Thank you so much for your support in keeping singing alive at Cedars!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Emmalee Bish

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We/I would like _____ Tutor Group _____

To be involved in 'Sing Out!', the new Year 7 Choir. We/I understand that they need to be committed for a minimum of 10 Weeks and that they need to bring a packed Lunch every Monday Lunchtime.

Signed _____ Date _____

