

Info about O2- 'Young Voices Concert' and Singing Club as from September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers of children who will be in KS2 as from September,

We are pleased to inform you that any children who will be in Years 3,4,5 and 6 as from September, are invited to join Singing Club every Thurs from 3:20pm - 4:30pm. Although not compulsory, members of this club will also have opportunity to participate in a Young Voices concert at the O2 arena. The date is still to be confirmed however, it will be at some point between 20th - 24th January 2025 or 3rd - 5th February 2025. This is a fantastic experience whereby not only do the children perform alongside other children and also get to sing with soloists which in the past, have included Tony Hadley, Stacey Solomon, Alexandra Burke and Joss Stone. Video footage can be seen on www.youngvoices.co.uk. We recommend you take a look at footage on our school website <https://www.bapchildprimary.co.uk/music-1/> and <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/parents-and-carers>

THE SONGS These will be a variety of styles, some of which are medleys taken from Musicals as well as a current Pop Medley.

REHEARSALS Children must attend Singing Club rehearsals every Thursday (3:20pm - 4:30pm) with Mrs Julier. Please note, children may be asked to sing at other events throughout the year so we want to encourage children who have a real love of singing rather than those who just want to attend the O2. If there is an urgent reason for absence, then please try to message the school office to let Mrs Julier know in advance. There is lots to practise which is tricky when children are missing.

THE CONCERT DAY

Children and staff travel to and from the venue by coach. Concert day rehearsals take place all afternoon followed by the evening concert. Parents are able to purchase tickets to watch. After the concert, all children return by coach to Bapchild school where they can be met by their parents. If parents come to watch at the O2, they will still arrive back to school before the coach arrives with the children. This will be between 10:30pm - 11:15pm and children are permitted to come in at **10:45am** the following day. Although late, it is a one off experience which will stay with the children for many years to come.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS INVOLVED?

If your child wants to participate, then we will request a £16.00 contribution towards the coach travel. Although not compulsory, **most** children wear the official Young Voices T-shirt which costs £15.00. If you would like your child to participate but have concerns regarding payment, please contact the school office as payment instalments may be an option. We regret that if your child were to drop out after we have booked our coach, their coach travel amount will be a **non-refundable** charge since the coach size booking is based on numbers at a given time.

EXTRA COSTS WHICH ARE NOT COMPULSORY:

If you as a parent or relative, wish to come and watch the concert, then you will need to purchase tickets at approx. £25.00 each. Although this may seem quite expensive, this is cheap considering the prices people would normally pay to see a concert at the O2. You **do not** need to buy a ticket for your child to take part, however, it has to be said that it is a thoroughly enjoyable experience and definitely worth seeing.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR CHILD TO TAKE PART:

By Wednesday 19th June, please return the consent form below and send £16.00 towards your child's seat on a coach. We will send home a further letter along with parent ticket order form, T-shirt order forms and a consent form. School will need to send all orders to Young Voices by 20th September so please start having a think about how many tickets you would like. Order forms will be given out

before the end of term 6 and all orders must be in by the start of September. Many thanks and best wishes,
Mrs Julier.

Young Voices Concert 2025 at the O2

NAME OF PUPIL..... CURRENT CLASS.....

Please tick where appropriate

- ☐ I would like my child to be in the YV concert and enclose £16.00 towards his/her seat on a coach. I understand this amount is non-refundable.

- ☐ I would like my child to be in Singing Club in September but NOT attend the O2 concert.

- ☐ **I understand that as from September, my child should be attending Singing Club every Thurs 3:20pm – 4:30pm and will try to avoid unnecessary absence.**

Parent Signature..... Contact phone no.....