

Monday, 30 October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

**Weekend Music Course for Ensemble Members in Years 4-8**  
**High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre, Mickleham, Dorking, Surrey RH5 6DQ**  
**Friday 2 – Sunday 4 March 2018**

Next term, we are offering **all ensemble members in Years 4-8** the opportunity to join us for an action-packed, three day camp at High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre on Box Hill near Dorking, in the heart of the Surrey countryside. For the first time, we are also opening up this exciting opportunity to members of Sutton Young Singers.



The weekend will provide excellent opportunities for music making, team building and making new friends. Under the direction of experienced Sutton Music Service staff, the children will prepare a selection of pieces to perform to parents in a concert on the Sunday afternoon. There will also be an array of indoor and outdoor activities available, including high ropes and challenge courses, a camp fire, football, craft and games.

The cost per child is £160 for the weekend – this cost includes:

- Two night's accommodation in a log cabin with shared bedrooms and en suite bathroom facilities
- Each log cabin has a shared lounge area with television and DVD player
- Three meals a day (cooked breakfast and dinner with a sandwich lunch) accommodating any special dietary requirements
- All supervision, tuition and ensemble rehearsals led by Sutton Music Service staff

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- Outdoor activities led by fully qualified expert instructors
- Qualified first aiders on site at all times and full insurance

Parents will be required to drop off their children at High Ashurst Outdoor Education Centre on the Friday after school (this is around a 20 minute drive from Sutton) and are invited to attend the performance on Sunday afternoon before collecting their children.

**To secure a place for your child on this trip, please complete the online application form here:**

<https://goo.gl/forms/xAWdzu9B32bkc7fa2>

You **must** also ensure that a non-refundable deposit of £80.00 has been paid to Sutton Youth Music Supporters' Association (SYMSA). This should be made directly to SYMSA via online bank transfer to Sort Code 20-84-17, Account Number 50399043 and should clearly state the word 'Trip' followed by your child's first initial and surname as the reference. **Please do not pay any fees due to Sutton Music Service (such as termly ensemble or instrument hire charges) to this account.**

We will write to you to confirm that your child has a place. We will ask for the remainder of the cost of the trip in January. Alternatively, you can pay the full cost of the trip now – this is £160, which includes the non-refundable deposit. There are a limited number of places on this popular trip, so we recommend booking early to avoid disappointment. If your child would like to come, but your family are facing particular financial hardship, please write to Lewis Gibbs, Head of Music Service. We will consider your application for financial support and Sutton Youth Music Supporters' Association (SYMSA) may fund up to £80 per family for this trip.

If you have any questions, please telephone or email me at the Music Office and I will try to help.

Yours sincerely

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