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Dear parents/carers

**Summer Celebration
Royal Festival Hall – Wednesday 19 July 2017**

On Wednesday 19 July 2017, Sutton Music Service will take over the Southbank Centre's prestigious Royal Festival Hall for our Summer Celebration, a gala concert featuring bands and orchestras from Sutton Music Service, a massed choir of young singers from local primary schools and collaborative performances with hub partner organisations, such as Arts One Rocks and Inspire Works. We're billing this event as Sutton Music Service's 'Summer Celebration' and, by taking our cue from the name, the theme for the evening will be celebration in all its forms – expect samba, gospel, fanfares and all things uplifting. We're sure this will be an evening to remember!

This event will involve a combined orchestra made up of members of Sutton Youth Symphony Orchestra (SYSO) and Young Musicians Orchestra (YMO); and a combined band made up of members of Sutton Youth Wind Orchestra (SYWO) and Sutton Youth Symphonic Band (SYSB). As a consequence, some of the Tuesday and Friday rehearsals this term may have a slightly different format to normal to allow us to rehearse for this event – we will keep you updated about any such changes by email, so please do watch out for these.

There will be an additional rehearsal involving all ensemble members that are participating in this event on Saturday 15 July at St Andrew's Church, Cheam. Timings for this rehearsal are yet to be confirmed, but we would ask you to make every effort to ensure that you keep that morning free so that your son/daughter is able to attend.

On the day of the concert, there will be final rehearsals at the Royal Festival Hall throughout the day. We will provide coach travel for the outward journey only departing from St Andrew's Church, Cheam at 1.00pm – please arrive by 12.30pm to allow time to register and load instruments. We will be asking for a voluntary parental contribution of £3 per young musician to help cover the cost of providing coach travel. Please note that we are not able to provide coach travel for the return journey to Sutton.

Students in Year 12 and 13 will be given some free time in the afternoon, but all other participants will be accompanied and supervised by Sutton Music Service staff throughout the day. We recommend that your son/daughter brings a disposable packed lunch and tea as well as a book or quiet game to keep them occupied during breaks.

We hope that you will be able to support your son/daughter by attending this concert – please encourage friends and relatives to come along too, as we would love to fill the Royal Festival Hall's 2800 seats! Tickets can be purchased directly from the Southbank Centre box office on 020 3879 9555 or <https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/>



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If you have other children that are members of Young Musicians Strings Group (YMSG), Young Musicians Training Orchestra (YMTO) or Sutton Youth Training Band (SYTB), you can book tickets for them for just £5 by quoting the discount code 'CELEBRATE'. Please note that this discount only applies to members of Sutton Music Service ensembles that are not performing in this event and who are aged 17 or under.

If you are not planning to attend the concert, you will need to arrange to collect your son/daughter from the Royal Festival Hall at around 10.00pm. We will assign designated meeting places to ensure each young musician is safely returned to their parent/carer after the concert – we will confirm the location of the designated meeting places in the weeks leading up to the concert.

Please note that your son/daughter will need to be absent from school for at least the afternoon. We will write to all relevant schools as a courtesy to request permission for absence. However, you will also need to contact your son/daughter's school, following their normal procedure for permitted absence. If permission for absence is ultimately denied, our policy will be to support the school's decision.

Please complete and return the following parental consent form by Friday 26 May 2017 (half term).

A further letter will follow nearer the time, confirming all final arrangements. In the meantime, if you require any further information or have any questions, please contact Khadija Dero, Ensembles Coordinator email kdero@suttonmail.org

I look forward to seeing you at the concert!

Lewis Gibbs
Head of Music Service
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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM
Summer Celebration, Royal Festival Hall
Wednesday, 19 July 2017

Name _____ Ensemble(s) _____

Instrument(s) _____

Name of School _____

Year Group _____ Date of birth _____

Parent's full name _____

Parent's email address _____

Home telephone _____

Mobile _____

Emergency contact for Wednesday 19 July (if different from above) _____

Does your son/daughter have any medical conditions or special educational needs that we should be aware of?

I confirm that I have read and understood the attached letter. I would like our son/daughter to take part in the 'Summer Celebration' event at the Royal Festival Hall on Wednesday 19 July 2017.

Please indicate how you have paid:

Please return your parental consent form to:

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