

Dear Parent, Friend, Guardian

I am writing to invite you to a variety of musical and theatrical events taking place during Lent term 2010.

Firstly, all parents are warmly invited to the Saturday assemblies and Sunday services which take place in the theatre. There are usually two family Eucharist services per term which we hope parents will be able to attend. The dates will be posted on Vinelines and, as you know, full details of all our events are in the calendar, which you can also view on the information pages of our [website](#). The Mothering Sunday service is at 7.30 p.m. (earlier time than published in the calendar) on Sunday 14th March after the boarders have returned from the exeat. There is also a Junior Celebration Assembly on Monday 8th February at 8.15 am and parents of award winners are invited to attend.

On Sunday 7th February at 3.00 pm. we have the first of this term's Subscription Concerts. The extremely talented young Ukrainian viola player **MAXIM RYSANOV** accompanied by **KATYA APEKISHEVA** will be performing works by Ravel, Bruch, Stravinsky, Tabakova (Jazz Suite) and Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata. It is a very accessible and attractive programme and young string players will be inspired by seeing one of the Daily Telegraph's "Top Ten Young Trailblazers".

The second concert this term is by the **WIND ENSEMBLE OF THE ENGLISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA** on Saturday 6th March at 7.30 pm. Their programme includes works by Gounod, Dvorak and Mozart. This is another very attractive programme which should again be ideal viewing for any of our young wind players as well as older music lovers.

The Music Department has organised some exciting opportunities for our children including a visit to the **EASTBOURNE JAZZ DAY** on 4th February. The school will also be involved in the Hastings Festival (Brass players) and we have a strong tradition of performing very successfully at this event. Parents will have an opportunity to hear our young brass players at the **BRASS EVENING** on Thursday 25th February at 6.00 p.m. when Mr Mitchell will be leading his pupils in a short but exciting concert!

Following last year's wonderful Year 6 Shakespeare events, we will be looking forward to seeing our new Year 6 thespians on stage. **YEAR 6 SHAKESPEARE PRODUCTIONS** will be on Friday 19th March at 7.00 p.m. and Saturday 20th March at 10.00 a.m. All are welcome to attend. We hope the Saturday morning time will be attractive to both grandparents and parents who are working in the week.

On Thursday 25th March at 7.00 pm there will be a **CONCERT FOR MOUNTFIELD CHURCH**. All are welcome to this event. The Music Department will inform all children who are involved but this may take a little time. As tickets for this event are always highly sought after, I would advise you to book on the principle that you wish to attend the evening as a cultural event rather than solely on the basis that your child is performing! As a rough guide, the choir will be singing and our music scholars and others will perform.

Please note that unless otherwise stated, all performances in the theatre require tickets so please complete the booking forms as required. **The booking form can be found on the parents' area of the school website and must be submitted by 12 February.** [Click here](#) to submit your booking electronically or [click here](#) to download and print a paper form.

The staff and children look forward to welcoming you to all these events and I am sure that they will all be highly enjoyable occasions. Events such as the Brass evening and Year 6 Shakespeare performances are open to all and we are always very pleased to find parents and children not directly involved with the performers coming along to enjoy and support.

Yours sincerely

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