

April 2008

Dear Parent, Friend, Guardian,

I am writing to invite you to a full and varied collection of musical and theatrical activities taking place at Vinehall this term.

Firstly, parents of both boarders and day children are very welcome to join all our Sunday services, some of which are held at school. Details of all these may be found in the school calendar.

We are delighted to be hosting a special fund raising concert for the Pestalozzi Village on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. The distinguished Hermitage String Trio will be performing. Tickets should be ordered directly from the Pestalozzi Village on 01424 870444.

The Music Department has organised a number of opportunities for our children this term with a Strings Day at Eastbourne College on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April and a Chamber Music course at Lancing College on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Mrs. Harmer will contact you directly if your children are involved.

There will be an **ORCHESTRAL CONCERT** in the theatre on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00 p.m. involving both the junior and senior orchestras.

The school **ART and DT EXHIBITION** will be shown from Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June for one week. Do take the opportunity to look at the children's work which is a testimony to the lively and inspired teaching of Mrs. Monckton and Mr. Ingram.

The first subscription concert is on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30 p.m. when we are pleased to welcome the **CARDUCCI STRING QUARTET**. This talented young Anglo-Irish quartet has won no less than six international competitions in the space of four years and are highly sought-after performers. They are performing a programme of works by Haydn, Vaughan Williams and Beethoven and there are a few tickets left. As the concert is very soon, please either complete the form or phone the office.

The final Concert of the Nineteenth Season takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30 p.m. We are delighted to welcome the **CLASSICAL OPERA COMPANY** directed by Ian Page. They are a group of outstanding young singers who will lead the audience through an A – Z of Mozart Opera, which

will be great fun, as we will hear some rarities as well as some of the greatest highlights from his masterpieces. Concert-goers are welcome to picnic in the grounds from 6.00 p.m. and Pimms will be served from 7.00 p.m.

This term's production is "**CALAMITY JANE**". As demand for these performances will be very high, may I ask you to keep your application to a minimum and to reply promptly. The dress rehearsal will be on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June in the afternoon and all of Years 3 – 7 will have the opportunity to watch (arrangements for collection times for Year 3 will be finalised in due course). The main performances will be on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 7.00 p.m.

The Prep School prizegiving will be held on the last day of term, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10.00 a.m. It will be followed by an opportunity for leavers and their parents to say goodbye to each other and their teachers. Full details of this will be sent out later in the term. We are delighted that Mr Tom Avery (Explorer and Vine) has agreed to present our prizes.

If you would like to attend any of the above performances then please complete the attached form and return it to me at Vinehall School by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May. My aim is to find space for all those who wish to attend but once the tickets are processed, late-comers will have to take what remains. As there are so many events taking place this term may I ask you to ensure that you check the calendar and also let your children know which events you are planning to attend as they sometimes become confused. You will also find this letter, booking form, play cast list (when complete) and calendar details on our website and the reply forms can be e-mailed directly to [office@vinehallschool.com](mailto:office@vinehallschool.com).

Yours sincerely,

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