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Re. 'Let's Sing!' Year 7 Vocal Concert - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers.

Every year, the Music Department at Urmston Grammar stage a singing concert in the school's main hall for the new Year 7 cohort. All students learn songs in their timetabled music lessons and spend considerable time working on their vocal performances, whilst also learning about musical features, singing techniques, and how to sing in harmony. The collective effort and commitment to this event is a wonderful way of bringing the year group together for an uplifting and enjoyable performance and instilling the school values of Pride and Participation in our newest students.

The 'Let's Sing!' concert will take place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November in the early evening and attendance for all Year 7 students is compulsory. Given the high number of students performing all together, and in order to accommodate three audience members per child, we will perform the concert twice. The first performance will be at 4 - 4.45pm and the second performance 5.30 - 6.15pm. Each child may invite three family members or friends total to watch and support them. This could be all three at one performance or three split over the two performances. Your child will spend the school day of 2nd November in rehearsals for the concert. They will remain in school (under supervision) before the first concert at 4pm and will then again be supervised in school between performances. They will also be given a drink and a snack and are welcome to bring a light tea, if you feel this is necessary.

Please give consent to your child's involvement on Parent Pay, where you may purchase tickets. Your name will then be on a tickets list at the door when you attend. By giving consent, this also confirms that you are happy for your child to either leave school and travel home at 6.15pm, or that they will be collected. Tickets for the performance are £2 each. This contribution goes directly to the music department fund to help support performance opportunities for all students across the school. Your contribution will mean we can afford vital equipment, which will benefit all students. In the event that your child has an urgent appointment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November and cannot attend one or both concerts, please email me directly.

Finally, the 5.30pm performance tends to be more popular, as many parents cannot get to the school from work for 4pm. If your circumstances will allow you to attend the 4pm performance, we would ask you to choose this option please, to allow those parents who cannot, to attend later We very much look forward to welcoming you to our celebration of singing on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Yours faithfully,

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