



FREE Vocal Workshops

BYC Outreach Project 2020

Dear Headteacher / Principal

I am writing to you to alert you to an opportunity for your school to engage in a project that will provide 2 x 1 hour long vocal workshops with highly skilled leaders, free of charge. As a voluntary charity we value the relationship we have with schools and are keen to provide as many children in Barnsley as possible opportunities to engage in really high quality music and singing tuition. All primary schools in Barnsley are invited to be involved.

We are thrilled to be in a position to offer this opportunity and hope that this is something that will support your school. We have engaged with two outstanding workshop leaders who are involved in the choir and one of them can come into your school to lead two singing sessions to up to 60 children from years 3-5. Clearly the dates and times can be negotiated to fit in with school diaries and we will try to be as flexible as possible.

Luke Mather and Eleanor Wright are highly skilled and capable vocal leaders who both have up to date DBS checks and have extensive experience of leading groups of children and providing exceptional workshops. I have enclosed a brief biography of both of them and I am sure that you will recognise that they will provide a really inspiring experience for the children in your school. They will provide them with some technical information about how to sing well with a focus on warm-ups and games. Their focus will be on fun and engagement and they will teach them some songs that may be useful for your school in the future.

What is the catch? Well, there really isn't one and we don't expect anything in return for this. BYC prides itself on the work it does and hopes that this really supports schools. All that we would ask is that you would allow us to give out some flyers to those taking part with information about the choir and perhaps signpost children towards BYC if you feel that they would gain from being involved. We will also ask you to fill in a brief evaluation form so we get a sense of the work that has taken place – we always value your feedback.

It would be useful if your music coordinator, or someone with an interest in music, could also attend the sessions as this may provide them with some really useful material. It's important that staff from your school also attend the support the sessions to ensure that things run smoothly. We are happy for photos to be taken and shared with parents if that is something that's helpful to you.

Whilst finances are always tight we have assigned a budget to this project. There are a limited number of places available that we will offer on a first come first served basis. If you would be interested in being involved please email me directly on bymatwright@gmail.com and I will assign you either Luke or Eleanor so that we can make arrangements.

I hope that this is something that you are keen for your school to be involved in and look forwards to hearing from you.

With kindest wishes

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