

Information for Parents and Teachers

Please read carefully

19th AUGHTON SCHOOLS' SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 17th MARCH 2016

Venue - St Michael's School Hall

The day will be run on similar lines to previous years for solos and small ensembles of instruments and voices. I am sure the day will be very successful again, giving the youngsters a good "platform", with other participants and families making an interested and sympathetic audience, but without the extra stress of competition. Choirs and large ensembles will not be performing on the same day.

Send entry fees with forms signed by your music teacher by Thursday 4th February.

Look out for the timetable and your invitation letter in early March. Parents need to make arrangements for their children to be taken on the day, and to be responsible for them there.

Glynis Radford is the adjudicator. "Merit" certificates will be awarded to participants and a few "honours" certificates for exceptional performances. Each participant will also have a written comment. Glynis is popular with the children as she is very encouraging and supportive as well as thorough and fair.

Solo performers are expected to be able to play fluently and to be prepared by their instrumental/vocal teacher. All children taking music lessons are encouraged to enter whether their lessons are inside or outside school.

Beginners and more experienced musicians are encouraged to perform in ensembles. The day is funded by "entry fees" paid by the performers

Arrangements for 2016

SOLOS- "own choice" piece. Normal time limit 2 mins.

Classes for Recorder, Woodwind, String, Brass, Voice, Piano, Guitar, Keyboard, other.

Rehearsing and performing with accompaniment where appropriate is a valuable part of the performing experience. Check with the instrumental teacher if you are unsure. Denise Bearon will act as accompanist as needed.

ENSEMBLES - Any combination, instruments or voices, duets upwards. Time limit 5 minutes.

Entry Fees: Please read the details below

Solo fees £3.50 with 2 minute time limit, £4.50 for longer pieces. Ensemble entry is £2 per child up to 4 in the group. Maximum fee per child is £9. Please use different forms for Solo and Ensemble entry.

Once again we invite teachers/parents to donate a minimum of £5, to be listed in the programme as "Friends of the Aughton Schools' Spring Music Festival".

The closing date for entries is **Thursday February 4th 2016.**

Be sure to hand forms in before the closing date.

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