

Dear Members and Parents

### **INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND 19-21 JUNE 2015**

Here are the final arrangements for the residential weekend. I attach:

- Parental consent form
- Return slip to indicate numbers coming to the concert at the end of the weekend
- Directions to Harlaxton
- Programme for the weekend

You should arrive at Harlaxton Manor between 6.30 and 7.00pm on Friday evening. There is an orientation meeting at 7.30 pm which includes a compulsory safety briefing, so it is essential that you arrive by this time unless you have made another arrangement with me. Remember to have tea before you come – sandwiches will be provided at 9 pm and there is a vending machine for snacks, but a main meal will not be served on Friday night.

#### **Actions for you now**

- 1. Please complete the parental consent form in advance of the weekend and either hand it back at orchestra by June 11<sup>th</sup> (to Ruth/Andrea) or post to me at the above address in advance of the weekend (by June 11<sup>th</sup> at the very latest). If we do not have this form you will not be able to stay.**
- 2. Please complete the return slip to indicate how many people will be attending the final concert so that we can put out enough seats and order tea for you. Please hand in at orchestra or e-mail the information to me by June 11th.**

As well as suitable general clothing please remember to bring the following with you:

- Your instrument
- Your orchestra music
- A named music stand (NB none are provided – do not rely on your friend to bring one!)
- Coat/umbrella – it is a 5 minute walk from the accommodation to the rehearsal rooms
- Toiletries and any medication you need (towels are provided)
- Cellists – please bring a floor protector (the floors are polished wood)
- Trainers and clothes suitable wearing in an indoor sports hall

Equipment for use in the sports hall is available at Harlaxton Manor, but you may wish to bring your own anyway. On Saturday afternoon we have organised a juggling and circus skills workshop which all orchestra members will take part in.

Could I remind everyone that alcohol, smoking and drug taking will not be tolerated. Any member who is found in possession of any of these substances will not be allowed to stay and parents will be contacted immediately to collect them.

Staff in residence will be Chris Hoggarth (conductor/woodwind), Ruth Aldridge, Ruth Haslam, Rowan Harwood, Jane Harwood and Andrea Lark. Three tutors will also be attending on Saturday – Claire Seedhouse and Anna Bruce (strings) and Robert Parker (brass and concert band).



In an emergency you can reach us at Harlaxton Manor on 01476 403000 or on my mobile 07857 707831.

I am delighted that Braimah Kanneh-Mason will be joining the orchestra to play two movements from the Bruch violin concerto with the orchestra. Braimah, who is in year 12, is a former member of the orchestra and the brother of Sheku who some of you will have heard at last year's residential playing the Elgar Cello Concerto.

The focus of the weekend will be rehearsing the Bruch violin concerto as a whole orchestra and splitting into smaller groups for ensemble playing.

There will be a short concert for parents at 1pm for parents to hear what has been achieved and to have an insight into the magnificent surroundings in which their children have been rehearsing! This will be followed by tea/coffee and departure from about 2.15pm onwards.

Please arrive for the concert by 12.45 so that we can start on time. The car park is a 5 minute walk from the hall itself.

If you have any queries please phone or e-mail me.

Best wishes.

Jane Harwood