

Dear Members and Parents

INTERMEDIATE ORCHESTRA RESIDENTIAL WEEKEND 17-19 JUNE 2016

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

- 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.

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 without black soles – as black soles are not allowed in the Sports Hall
- Clothes suitable for 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 yoga workshop which all orchestra members will take part in so please bring stretchy clothing such as t shirts/ tracksuit/leggings for this activity (and a yoga mat if you happen to have one).

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), Rowan Harwood, Jane Harwood, Sally Ephgrave, Wendy McDonald and Andrea Lark. Three other tutors will also be attending on Saturday – Claire Seedhouse, Juliet Ward and Lilla DiMiceli.

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



There will be an open rehearsal/informal concert for parents at 1pm on Sunday for parents to hear what we have been working on over the weekend and to have an insight into the magnificent surroundings in which their children have been rehearsing!

Departure will be at around 1.30 – 1.45pm. In order to reduce costs we are unfortunately unable to provide tea and coffee after the concert as we have done in previous years.

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 don't hesitate to get in touch with me by phone or e-mail.

Best wishes.

Jane Harwood