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Banbury Choral Society Youth Outreach Scheme 2014

Dear Student,

As Chair of Banbury Choral Society (BCS), I am writing to let you know about our exciting initiative to increase our support to young singers in the Banbury area. Two years ago we introduced the BCS Youth Outreach Scheme and we hope you will be interested and apply to join the scheme.

To give you some background, Banbury Choral Society is a flourishing choir with over 80 members. We have always encouraged the participation of young people from all backgrounds, by offering free membership and music hire for full-time students. We would like to help young singers build their self-confidence, fulfil their musical potential and benefit from the experience of singing with a large choir, taught by our experienced conductor, Julian Harris.

The students selected for the BCS Youth Outreach Scheme will have demonstrated significant vocal promise and commitment and will receive the special recognition of an award of £50 per concert up to a maximum £150 per academic year. This award will go towards furthering their singing education, in the form of either vouchers or singing lessons or money for specific purposes. The scheme is presently limited to four students per academic year. The main criteria for selection will be vocal ability and commitment and a minimum age limit of sixteen years.

Rehearsals are held every Monday evening at 7.30pm in Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury. If you are interested, please do come along and meet us, and we can arrange an audition which will take place on **Monday 22nd September from 6.30pm**. Outreach Students will be expected to attend weekly rehearsals and to sing at concerts (we usually organise three per year). In certain cases, the student may have the opportunity to sing a small solo part.

If you would like further information about our choir and our conductors, please visit our website **www.banburychoralsoc.co.uk**. If you are interested in applying for this scheme please contact me directly either by post, phone or email. Alternatively, you can email the society at **info@banburychoralsoc.co.uk**.

To help you make your mind up, please turn to the reverse of this letter to read a testimonial from one of our Outreach Students, Lucy Donaldson. I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Kate Brooker
Chair, Banbury Choral Society

(please see overleaf)

Testimonial from Lucy Donaldson, BCS Outreach Student - now in her 2nd year:

“The BCS Outreach Scheme has helped me develop my musical and social skills. It is a great opportunity to learn new musical pieces and perform to a large audience.

I have learnt so much, including sight-reading, diction and different languages! Since starting the Outreach Scheme, I have become more confident and love the concerts that showcase what we have learnt.

The experience has been amazing and I look forward to attending rehearsals each week. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who wants to learn more about music and wants to have fun!”

Lucy Donaldson