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Banbury Choral Society Youth Outreach Scheme

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. Last September, we introduced the BCS Youth Outreach Scheme and your Head of Music suggested that we contact you as someone who may be interested in applying.

To give you some background, Banbury Choral Society is a flourishing choir with over 90 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 was launched in September last year and 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.

Selection of the successful students will be by audition and by assessment at rehearsals. Auditions will be held on the evening of **Monday September 9th**, at Marlborough Road Methodist Church in Banbury. This will be followed by your attendance at our normal rehearsal that starts at 7.30pm. Students will be required to attend rehearsals for the following two weeks and a decision on making the awards will be made after the rehearsal on September 23rd.

Outreach Students will be expected to attend weekly rehearsals that are held on Monday evenings 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 or if you prefer, you may email the society at info@banburychoralsoc.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Best wishes

Chair, Banbury Choral Society