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20 October 2009



**RICHMOND
SCHOOL**
& Sixth Form College

Dear Parent/ Guardian

Seven Planets and a Cosmic Rock – March 2010

Following the success of “Ocean World” in 2008, we are looking forward to another really exciting Swaledale Schools Choral Project next year. We hope that lots of singers from Richmond School will take part.

“**Seven Planets and a Cosmic Rock**” as you might expect is a collection of eight very singable pieces about our solar system. It was originally commissioned for performance by the National Youth Choir of Scotland in 2007, and has been performed with great success and much enjoyment several times. We are adding a number of other songs to the programme, “**Can you hear me?**”, a signing song about our beautiful world by Bob Chilcott, “**Hey Escher**”, a song about the artist who was fascinated by infinity and tessellations, and drew amongst other things impossible architectural drawings. This song is by Barry Russell. We will also perform “**Wide World**” a brand new song by Howard Goodall our national ambassador for music.

Every participating singer will need to

- **Commit to attend every rehearsal, including ones in their own time.**
- **Purchase a chorus or vocal score**
- **Learn all the words and music by heart**
- **Have a simple "Solar system " costume with black pumps or flat "Jesus boot" style sandals**

Cost of scores/ word books

Chorus Books (contain melody line of music and words)	£5.00
Vocal Scores (contain piano and vocal parts and words)	£14.00

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The music is varied and exciting, and this year as a new venture, we hope to have a mixed voice choir singing a few separate numbers as well as supporting the main production (The Swale Valley Youth Choir). There are songs in parts, a few solos (audition details later) as well as unison numbers. We will have a live band to accompany the singing and lots of exciting stage and lighting effects.

A rehearsal schedule is attached together with a consent/ payment form, and emergency contact details/ medical information form. **Please return these forms to the Creative Arts Office as soon as possible, and no later than Tuesday 1 December 2009**, as we will need to order books in time for the main rehearsals which start after the Christmas holidays. (This can be done via Lower Reception, Middle Reception, the Creative Arts tray in 6th Form Reception, and the Creative Arts Office directly).

The “Grand Launch” for the project is on **Tuesday 17 November 2009, 9.30-11.30am**, and all interested students are invited to participate in this introduction and sing through. A separate permission slip is enclosed for this event, which should be returned by **Wednesday 11 November 2009** to confirm your attendance.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to discuss these with Mrs McCormack, and we look forward to seeing as many students as possible on 17 November.

Yours faithfully

Mrs C Gedye
Choral Director

Mrs S McCormack
Head of Music, Richmond School

**Swaledale Choral Project 2010
Seven Planets and a Cosmic Rock**

Rehearsal and Performance Diary

Date	Time	Venue	Rehearsal/ Performance
Tuesday 17 November 2009	9.30-11.30am	Lower Hall	Grand launch
Friday 29 January 2010	4.15-5.30pm	Middle Hall	Rehearsal 1
Friday 5 February 2010	4.15-5.30pm	Middle Hall	Rehearsal 2
Friday 12 February 2010	4.15-5.30pm	Middle Hall	Rehearsal 3
Friday 19 February 2010	No rehearsal – half term		
Friday 26 February 2010	4.15-5.30pm	Middle Hall	Rehearsal 4
Friday 5 March 2010	4.15-5.30pm	Middle Hall	Rehearsal 5
Friday 12 March 2010	4.15-5.30pm	Middle Hall	Rehearsal 6
Friday 19 March 2010	1.30-4.30pm	Middle Hall	Rehearsal 7 (Technical + band)
Monday 22 March 2010	9.45am – 3.00pm	Middle Hall	(am) - Rehearsal 8 (pm) – Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 24 March 2010	7.30pm	Middle School	Performance
Thursday 25 March 2010	7.30pm	Middle School	Performance
Friday 26 March 2010	7.30pm	Middle School	Performance

**Swaledale Choral Project 2010 - *Seven Planets and a Cosmic Rock*
Grand Launch – Tuesday 17 November 2009, 9.30-11.30am
Lower Hall, Richmond School**

I give permission for my son/ daughter to participate in the “Grand Launch” for the Swaledale Choral Project 2010 on **Tuesday 17 November 2009, 9.30-11.30am.**

Student’s name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Date:
(Parent/ Guardian)

Please return to the Creative Arts Office by Wednesday 11 November 2009.

Swaledale Choral Project 2010 - *Seven Planets and a Cosmic Rock*

- I give permission for my son/ daughter to participate in the Swaledale Choral Project 2010, and will ensure that they attend all rehearsals and performances as outlined below:

2010

Friday 29 January, 4.15-5.30pm	Rehearsal 1
Friday 5 February, 4.15-5.30pm	Rehearsal 2
Friday 12 February, 4.15-5.30pm	Rehearsal 3
Friday 26 February, 4.15-5.30pm	Rehearsal 4
Friday 5 March, 4.15-5.30pm	Rehearsal 5
Friday 12 March, 4.15-5.30pm	Rehearsal 6
Friday 19 March, 1.30-4.30pm	Rehearsal 7 (Technical)
Monday 22 March, 9.45am-3.00pm	Rehearsal 8 (Dress)
Wednesday 24, Thursday 25, Friday 26 March, 7.30pm	Performances

- I enclose a fully completed Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form.
- I wish to purchase x_____ Chorus Book(s) @ £5.00 each/ x_____ Vocal Score(s) @ £14.00 each and enclose £_____ in payment for these.
(cheques should be made payable to Richmond School)

Student's name: Tutor Group:

Signed: Date:
(Parent/ Guardian)

Please return to the Creative Arts Office by 1 December 2009.

Contact Details and Medical Information

Student's Name:

Tutor Group:

Address:

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Name of Parent/ Guardian:

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Home:

Work:

Mobile:

Existing Medical Conditions and/ or medication currently being taken:

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Dietary requirements:

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Name and address of Doctor:

Name:

Address:

Tel No:

Date form completed:

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