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Dear Parents,

Young Voices Concert, 7pm on Thursday 16th January 2025

We are extremely excited that we have secured places at the Young Voices Concert on Thursday 16th January 2025 at The NEC Arena (M42, Junction 6).

Last year's educational rap sensation, MC Grammar and Strictly come dancing's lead Tommy Blaize have already been confirmed as one of the guest stars for 2025 and the resident live band and street dance crew, Urban Strides, will be getting everybody moving! This unique opportunity offers our children the chance to perform alongside thousands of others in a fantastic arena event, watched by parents and friends.

The children will learn the songs during choir sessions (sign up on the clubs letter in September) and they can continue to practise the words and dance moves at home, using lyric sheets and the YV Spotify playlist. Singers will need to know all lyrics off by heart by Christmas.

To reserve your place, please complete the Young Voices consent form on Scopay. This year we are asking for a contribution of £15.00 towards the trip costs, to be paid on Scopay. We will travel by coach to and from the arena, sharing with other Newman Collegiate schools. At the end of the concert, we will return directly to the local area. We are planning to meet parents back at St Mary's school at about 10.30pm.

You will also be able to order audience tickets for £24 and choir t-shirts for £15, if desired, through Scopay.

Please make all payments on Scopay by Friday 20th September 2024.

Concert tickets sell out very quickly and we can only place our order with Young Voices once we have all payments in Scopay. Tickets are usually received in school during the week before Christmas. A small number of last-minute tickets are sold directly by the NEC box office at an increased price, but there is no guarantee that these will be available.

Children will need to bring a packed meal to eat at teatime and wear one of the following options:

1. The official Young Voices 2025 t-shirt ordered through school (by 20th Sept 2024) OR
2. A plain white t-shirt OR
3. A Young Voices t-shirt from a previous concert.



It truly is a high-energy, magical event. Parents visiting for the first time often say, "I didn't think it was going to be *that* good!" I strongly encourage you to attend, if you can, and support our children.

The NEC has its own security arrangements and parents are asked to check out the requirements for entry to the venue at <https://www.thenec.co.uk/visitors/>
Please direct any questions about the trip to me, via the school office.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amison
Music Teacher

