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**To: String Students
Head of Strings Harpur Trust Schools/St
Andrews/Rushmoor
All String Teachers of County Music Staff,
Heads of Music Centres , Sue Eveson and Jenny
Brown – MK Music Service, Chris Pascoe and
Daffydd Billingham – Luton Music Service**

**Richard Hart
Head of
Bedfordshire Music**

**County Hall
Cauldwell Street
Bedford
MK42 9AP**

Dear Parent or Carer,

County Junior Strings 25-26 October 2008

Your child has been recommended by their instrumental teacher as having reached the required standard for admission for the above group which is grade 2 or equivalent.

This is a strings only orchestra catering for promising young players, and provides an introduction to ensemble playing. Members of the orchestra would then have the opportunity to progress to the Fourth Orchestra and onwards through, eventually, to the County Youth Orchestra.

The next course is planned for Half Term in October. It will last for two days, concluding with a short concert at 4.30 pm on Sunday 26 October at the school. The conductor for this course will be Charlotte Dunham and the course will take place at Mark Rutherford Upper School, Bedford.

As with other County Youth Orchestra courses, transport to and from the course will be provided, except for after the concert. The children will be expected to bring their own packed lunches. There will be adequate supervision for the young members of the orchestra.

In order to obtain a balanced orchestra, the total number of players will be restricted to about seventy. Should there be more applicants than spaces available, it will be necessary to accept those who apply before the closing date. Should there still be too many, the youngest applicants will take priority. Older pupils will be encouraged to apply for Fourth Orchestra at an appropriate time.

The fee for the course will be £40.50 which includes transport to and from the course (apart from after the concert). It is non refundable unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please make your cheque payable to "Bedfordshire County Council" **A discount of £5 is available for all applications received in our office by the closing date**. In cases of financial difficulty, the "Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music" may be able to support your application. **Should you require financial assistance, please contact this office urgently for a confidential form or download it from www.fbym.org because it needs to be submitted to the Friends a week ahead of the closing date.**

Concert dress will be white shirts, black trousers, skirts and black shoes.

Students should bring with them on the course a soft pencil (preferably 2B or softer), an eraser and a music stand clearly labelled with their name. Cellists **MUST** also bring a spike rest and Double Bass players a stool.

If you are interested in your child attending, please return the form with a cheque securely attached (cheques made payable to Bedfordshire County Council) by **Friday 26 September 2008** at the latest.

Please note that mobile phones, electronic games and MP3/MP4 players are allowed on the courses but entirely at the owner's risk.

Bus timetables and maps will be sent out approximately one week before the course starts.

Yours sincerely



Margaret Stevenson
**Operations Administrator
Youth Music**

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY JUNIOR STRINGS

25-26 OCTOBER 2008

Mark Rutherford Upper School, Bedford

Saturday 25 October	Sunday 26 October
Arrive 9.30 am	Arrive 9.30 am
Rehearse	Rehearse
Provide own lunch	Provide own lunch
Rehearse	Rehearse
Coaches <u>4.00 p.m.</u>	CONCERT Mark Rutherford School at 4.30 pm
No coaches will be provided after the concert	

BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY JUNIOR STRINGS
COURSE 25-26 OCTOBER 2008
Mark Rutherford Upper School, Bedford

NEW

Student's Name Date of Birth

Address School/College/University

..... Instrument

..... Teacher

Postcode Tel No.

Student's mobile No:.....Emergency No. during course

E-mail address:.....

- Is transport required? YES/NO

I understand that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure safe transport of students to and from coaching points at the published times and the Bedfordshire Music duty of care begins upon arrival at the rehearsal/concert venue each day and ends at time of departure as detailed in the course timetable.

- I understand and accept that whilst the staff supervising students on the course will take all reasonable care of my child/children, neither the staff nor the County Council can necessarily be held liable for any personal injury, loss of, or damage to property that my child may suffer, unless such personal injury, loss of or damage to property that my child may suffer is due to the negligence of the staff or the County Council and for which the staff and or the Council are legally liable.
- I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instructed and any emergency medical, surgical or dental treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities attending.
- On occasion Bedfordshire Music may take photographs of ensembles and musicians, which may be used to publicise County Music making activities. In such circumstances individual students will not be identified and images will not be made available to any other organisation apart from "Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music "and the County Council. Please inform us if this is in any way unacceptable.
- Does your child have any known medical problem or special educational needs? **YES/NO**

If so, please give details.....

I enclose a cheque for **£35.50 before 26 September 2008 or £40.50 after closing date*** (Please delete as appropriate)

Signed: Date:
Parent/carer

Please return completed reply form to **Bedfordshire Music, County Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP**, no later than **Friday 26 September 2008**.

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Date form received:..... Amount:.....

FBYM: Yes / No Cheque number:.....

Please Turn Over

Transport:

		YES	NO		YES	NO
25/10/08	To: Mark Rutherford			From: Mark Rutherford		
26/10/08	To: Mark Rutherford			NO coaches after concert		

If you require transport, please circle at which point you would like to be collected and dropped off.

1 Ampthill Dunstable Street Opposite Library	21 Luton Riddy Lane/Barnfield College – Bus Stop after Roundabout
2 Barton Bedford Road nr Barton Library	22 Luton A6 bus stop by Cranleigh Gardens
3 Bedford Goldington Middle Haylands Way	23 Luton Sainsbury's Homebase – Car Park
4 Biddenham St Gregory's Middle Biddenham Turn	24 Marston Moretaine Millbrook Station Turn
5 Biggleswade Market Square	25 Milton Ernest Queens Head PH
6 Bromham Bus Shelter Opposite The Swan	26 Milton Keynes Stantonbury Campus – Top Car Park
7 Clapham Fox and Hounds	27 Moggerhanger The Guinea
8 Clophill Green	28 Olney Market Square
9 Cranfield High Street - Bus Stop Opposite Plough Close Nr Memorial	29 Potton Opposite Potton & District Club Station Road B1042.
10 Dunstable The Square Off High Street South	30 Riseley High Street Fox and Hounds PH
11 Eaton Bray Tottenhoe Road Five Bells	31 Sandy Market Square
12 Felmersham Church	32 Sharnbrook Sharnbrook Upper School
13 Flitwick Village Hall Bus Stop Dunstable Road	33 Shefford Clifton Road Opposite Business Park nr Fire Station
14 Harlington Upper School Goswell End Road	34 Toddington Green
15 Harrold The Green nr Priory Middle School	35 Turvey The Laws Bus Shelter on A428
16 Henlow The Crown Pub High Street	36 Wilstead Red Lion Bedford Road
17 Houghton Regis Church by Bedford Square Shopping Centre	37 Willington Lower School Church Road
18 Kempston High Street - Memorial Outside Camford Court	38 Woburn Sands Memorial Hall High Street
19 Lavendon Green Man	39 Wootton Lower School Bedford Road
20 Leighton Buzzard Church Square outside Leighton Middle School next to phone box	

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