

18th April 2018

Dear Parent

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 'Young Choir of the Year' Competition 2018 – Final Arrangements

Please note the following final arrangements ahead of the BBC filming on Saturday 21st April.

Coach:

The coach will depart from Broad Street at 6.00am and as previously advised, all pupils must travel to the venue on the coach. The estimated return time for pupils returning to Broad Street on the coach is 10.45pm. We will be able to call to update parents on our progress.

Uniform:

Pupils need to be dressed in winter school uniform but do not need hats. Girls must have their hair tied back with navy hair accessories and tights should be worn rather than socks. Blazers need to have a button on so that they fasten. We will take some spare uniform in case of emergency but if you are coming along to support and able to bring any spare uniform for your child, please do so.

To bring:

Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch, packed tea and snacks for the day. They may bring this in a rucksack. (The BBC will provide a packed lunch for us but it will be a long day and an early start can often mean children are ready for lunch by 10.30 am!) There are several children in the competition with peanut allergies and the BBC have asked that all schools make sure that any food they bring is nut-free. Pupils also need to bring a named water bottle which can be re-filled at the venue.

Children may bring small non-electronic games, books, cards, colouring books etc to keep them entertained on the coach and back stage. The BBC have asked that they do not bring mobile phones or electronics.

Travel medication:

Travel medication for the return journey and other medication must be labelled with name and instructions and handed to Miss Toolan before we leave. Should you need to contact us for any reason on the day, please use the usual emergency phone - 07515 053353.

Audience:

Doors open to the audience at 2.00pm and the recording will start promptly at 2.30pm. Banners, posters, mascots, scarves etc are welcomed as are loud cheers after our performance! There will be a short break in the middle and the recording is due to finish at approximately 6.30pm. The choir will stay to watch the finals of the competition (or participate if selected) and it is requested that all supporters also stay and remain in the same seats to ensure continuity.

Tickets:

The BBC have decided to hold the tickets at the venue to be collected on the day.

Directions:**Pontio Arts Centre, University of Bangor, Deiniol Road, Bangor, LL57 2TQ:**

By car – Bangor is located near the A55 Expressway with easy access from Junction 11, A5 exit to Bangor/Betws-y-Coed – 3.5 Miles (from the direction of Llandudno, Chester, Liverpool, Manchester). From Junction 9, take the A487 exit sign posted Bangor/Caernarfon – 3.4 Miles (from the direction of the Isle of Anglesey). From the south, follow the A487 signposted Caernarfon / Bangor. Please see the attached sheet for parking information.

Collection:

All pupils will be taken to the coach pick up point on Deiniol Road at the front of the Pontio Arts Centre. Parents may collect them from us here if they are not returning on the coach.

Broadcasts:

The Junior Semi-final is due to be broadcast on BBC 1 on the 29th April and this will be confirmed on Saturday. We have been asked to make all supporters aware that **the results of the semi-final and final are strictly embargoed until the completion of the broadcast competition.** This includes all social media.

Finally, please do remind your children that the standard of this competition is incredibly high and that it is a great honour to be chosen from the hundreds of applications. The competition is open to youth choirs this year in addition to school choirs and many of these auditioned groups are highly selective by audition. Regardless of the outcome on the day, I am extremely proud of the pupils already and keen to simply enjoy the achievement of being selected and the excitement of being involved in a televised event.

Thank you for your support.

Best wishes,



Rachael Toolan

NEARBY CAR PARKS (PONTIO ARTS CENTRE, BANGOR)

Car Park	Location	Hours	Max Height	Spaces	Charges
Glanrafon Car Park (2 min walk)	LL57 1LH	All day	2m	56	Monday to Sunday 08:00 – 18:00 Maximum stay is 3 hours 1 Hour: £1.00 2 Hours: £2.00 3 Hours: £3.00
Canondy Car Park (4 min walk)	LL57 1DR	All day	N/A	38	Monday to Sunday 08:00 – 18:00 Maximum stay is 3 hours 1 Hour: £1.00 2 Hours: £2.00 3 Hours: £3.00
Kyffin Square Car Park (6 min walk)	LL57 1LA	All day	N/A	102	Monday to Sunday 08:00 – 18:00 Maximum stay is 3 hours 1 Hour: £1.00 2 Hours: £2.00 3 Hours: £3.00
Allt Y Castell Car Park (6 min walk)	LL57 1LA	24 hour	N/A	30	Monday to Sunday – All day 4 Hours: £2.00 8 Hours: £3.00 12 Hours: £4.00 24 Hours: £5.00
Deiniol Shopping Centre (6 min walk)	LL57 1NW	Mon to Sat: 09:00 – 17:30 Sun: 10:00 – 16:00	1.93m	120	Monday to Saturday as below: Up to 1 hour: 60p 1 – 2 hours: £1.00 2 – 4 hours: £3.00 4 – 6 hours: £5.00 Over 6 hours: £10.00 Sundays are free
Bangor Menai (6 min walk)	LL57 2RW	Mon to Sat: 07:30 – 20:00 Sun: 09:00 – 18:00	2.1m	417	Per hour: £0.70
Plas Llwyd Car Park (9 min walk)	LL57 1UB	All day	N/A	103	Monday to Sunday 08:00 – 18:00 Maximum stay is 3 hours 1 Hour: £1.00 2 Hours: £2.00 3 Hours: £3.00
Stryd James Car Park (9 min walk)	LL57 1YG	All day	N/A	44	Monday to Sunday 08:00 – 18:00 Maximum stay is 3 hours 1 Hour: £1.00 2 Hours: £2.00 3 Hours: £3.00

