



St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

"Lord be thy word my rule."

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Dear Parents,

Young Voices Concert, Thursday 11th January 2024

We are extremely excited that the Young Voices are gearing up for a spectacular 2024 concert series, featuring the young drummer, Nandi Bushell; the rap star, MC Grammar; as well as the resident live band and street dance crew, Urban Strides, who get everybody moving! This unique event offers our children a wonderful opportunity 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) and they can continue to practise the words and dance moves at home, using lyric sheets, the [YV Spotify playlist](#) and the online resource provided by Young Voices, My Classmate, available soon. The children will need to know all lyrics off by heart by the end of term.

This year we are asking for a contribution of £13.50 towards the transport costs. We will travel by coach to and from the arena, sharing with other Newman Collegiate schools. At the end of the concert, there will not be time to dismiss children safely from the venue; we are planning to meet parents back at school at about 10.30pm, but it may be necessary to collect from St Joseph's Academy in Goldenhill, depending on the final coach itinerary. This will be confirmed in a few weeks' time.

Audience tickets for friends and family are £23 each and are ordered through school. Please make all payments via Scopay by Wednesday 4th October 2023. Please complete the attached Young Voices permission slip and audience ticket order form and return to school. Concert tickets sell out very quickly and we can only place our order with Young Voices for audience tickets once we have all payments in Scopay. 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.

We will not be ordering Young Voices T-shirts for the children this time; they should wear a plain white t-shirt. Alternatively, they can wear a Young Voices t-shirt from a previous concert, if they have been before.

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 Covid-safe 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

Young Voices 2024 Permission Form

I give permission for my child to attend the Young Voices concert at NEC Arena Birmingham on Thursday 11th January 2024

Child's Name _____ Class _____

I will provide my child with a packed meal including a drink to eat in the afternoon (teatime) and a plain white t-shirt.

I will ensure they are collected promptly after the trip which is expected back at about 10.30pm.

I have paid the trip contribution of £13.50 on Scopay.

Signed _____

Name _____

Date _____

THE TICKET FORM IS SEPARATE AND SHOULD ALSO BE COMPLETED IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND IN THE AUDIENCE.
