

## Parent/Ensemble Member Agreement

Dear Parent and Ensemble Member,

Welcome to membership of a BMS Ensemble. This letter sets out the rules and conditions of membership and gives basic information on Ensemble procedures. The rules and conditions help us to achieve the discipline and professionalism for which Brent Music Service is known. They are enforced for the members' safety, to ensure orderly rehearsals and out of respect and courtesy for each other. Signing the enrolment form signifies that you have received and read this letter, and agree to terms of membership.

- We expect each member who has made a commitment to join to do so for the entire academic year.
- Attendance is required and expected at all rehearsals and performances.
- The only absences that are excused are for illness, family emergency and a school function at which attendance is required. Excessive excused absences may result in permanent exclusion from the ensemble.
- In the event of an unplanned absence such as acute illness or other unforeseen emergency, a message must be left with your Ensemble Leaders email address.
- We expect members to arrive 5 minutes before the rehearsal begins. Please use toilets before the rehearsal.
- Try to eat a nutritious meal or snack before you arrive, as eating food, including chewing gum, is not permitted in rehearsals.
- Members must always bring their music, sharpened pencils and a closed bottle of water to rehearsals.
- Members will be required to study their music between rehearsals to meet the goals set by the conductors.
- We do not expect members to behave in a manner that is rude, that disrupts the rehearsal, is distracting to other Ensemble members, conductors, accompanists, or that prohibits a positive and successful rehearsal.
- Members must be collected promptly after rehearsals.

### **Performances require the very best in conduct, appearance, and musicianship.**

- Members should always eat a nutritious meal and get plenty of rest before a concert.
- Members must arrive promptly at the time given by the conductors and register immediately. A late arrival at a performance may exclude a member from participation at that performance
- All members must arrive in the correct concert dress as advised by conductors. Failure to wear proper concert dress will result in non-participation in the concert.
- Members should conduct themselves in a calm and polite manner at all times. They must give their undivided attention to the conductors and BMS staff when required to do so.
- When the concert has finished, **members must inform the conductors before they leave** that their parent/carer has arrived to take them home.

Please remember that another purpose of any Ensemble uniform is to draw attention to the entire group as a whole rather than individuals. Therefore, anytime a member wears their uniform he/she represents the entire group, and is expected to display the appropriate behaviour that this uniform requires.