

10 November 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Beware the Mackerel Sky Concert at Lancing College, 27 and 28 April 2024**

We are very excited to offer your child the opportunity to take part in this “Sing with Strings” project. It brings together a massed choir of 400 children and adults from primary and secondary schools and choral societies from across Sussex, alongside a string orchestra combining the forces of the county and district’s String Academy and the Yehudi Menuhin School string orchestra and other professional musicians, for a large-scale performance of a new folk opera.

On Saturday 27 April, there will be a dress rehearsal starting at 1.30pm followed by a performance at 6pm finishing at around 7.15pm. On Sunday 28 April, students will need to arrive at 5.15pm for the performance, again finishing at around 7.15pm. Students and their parents/carers will need to arrange their own transport to and from the rehearsal and performances on both days.

On Thursday 25 April, we will be going to Lancing College to rehearse in the chapel in the morning. We will transport students there by minibus and there will be no charge for this. We will send out an information pack from the organisers for those who sign up. If your child would like to be involved, please click on [this link](#) to complete the permission slip. Please also complete the Audiovisual Permission Form which is at the end of the information sheet and return it to the music department.

Please email [sdrake@theweald.org.uk](mailto:sdrake@theweald.org.uk) if you would like any further information.

Yours faithfully,

Stephanie Drake  
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