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## Bedfordshire East Schools Trust Orchestra

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to invite your son/daughter to take part in a musical ensemble which is held at **Samuel Whitbread Academy**. As part of the Bedfordshire East Schools Trust (BEST), the Music departments at Etonbury Academy (EA), Robert Bloomfield Academy (RBA) and Samuel Whitbread Academy (SWA) have joined together to create an orchestra for all students within BEST, including pupils in lower schools. This is an exciting venture for all the schools involved.

This term the orchestra will run on Wednesdays between 4.15pm and 5.15pm. The aim is for the orchestra to provide students with a variety of performance and playing opportunities throughout the year. The orchestra rehearses in the Music Room at Samuel Whitbread Academy. The duty of care during the rehearsals lies with Miss H Meadows from Samuel Whitbread Academy who will be directing the orchestra this year. Pupils are welcome to come to a first 'taster' rehearsal free of charge. After this there will be a small charge of £15 per term, working out at £3 per hourly session. This cost covers the director's fee, repertoire costs and a T-shirt for performances.

The following rehearsal dates for the autumn term are as follows;

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Spring Concert Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March – 7pm.**

This orchestra was very successful last year and performed really well in all the concerts: I really hope we can build on its success, as this is an exciting venture for all the schools involved, and I look forward to your son/daughter taking part. If you wish your child to be included then please complete and return the attached reply slip or bring it to the first rehearsal in January.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Meadows  
Music Teacher  
Samuel Whitbread Academy



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**BEDFORDSHIRE EAST SCHOOLS TRUST ORCHESTRA**

Pupil's name: .....

School: ..... Class: .....

Parent/Guardian name: .....

Email Address:  
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I/We give permission for my/our child to take part in the BEST Orchestra at Samuel Whitbread Academy.

I/We understand that it is my/our responsibility to collect my/our child at the end of the rehearsals.

I/We understand that staff from the BEST Orchestra supervising the rehearsals will take all reasonable care of my/our child, but that neither they nor the Local Authority or the Academies can necessarily be held liable in respect of, or damage to, property of my/our child arising from the activity unless that loss, damage or injury results from the negligence of Central Bedfordshire Council, or the individual Academies its employees or official volunteers.

I/We agree to my/our child receiving medication, if required, as instructed by medical authorities present, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion.

I/We also understand that my/our child is responsible for their music and any missing parts will have to be replaced and any charges will be directed to the Parent/Guardian.

Does your child have any known medical condition of which the organisers should be aware?

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Will your child be bringing any medication with them to the rehearsals? If so, please give details:

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Signed (Parent/Guardian) .....Date: .....

Parent/Guardian's emergency telephone contact number(s) and name(s) during the event:

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