



Sefton Music Centre

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| To: Members, Parents & Carers  Voices & Junior Voices  (Tuesday night groups). | Date: 9 May 2017 Please contact: Mr C Lennie  Contact Number: 0151 934 3933  Email: [music.service@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:music.service@sefton.gov.uk)  www.skymusichub.com |

Dear Members, Parents and Carers,

**Reconfiguration of Sefton Voices and Junior Voices**

Following a recent meeting with Ensemble Directors, there are proposals for different Vocal opportunities from September.

Essentially this would mean that the groups that currently rehearse on Tuesday evenings would finish at the end of the Summer term and these would be replaced with a different range of opportunities as outlined below.

I realise that this will be really disappointing to members of Voices and Junior Voices. I can assure you that we have carefully considered how to progress from where we are. However, there will be some benefits to these changes as outlined below.

* There will be a new range of provision for pupils participating currently participating on Tuesday evenings.
* There are social benefits in terms of the planned rehearsals and activities outlined below will be better socially, since more pupils will be involved, with more of a “buzz”.
* Vocal events will be larger in scale.
* There will be no charge for participation in the revised activities until 2020.

We appreciate the support of current members and parents, however despite our best efforts to recruit members to these groups, numbers remain relatively low. Unfortunately, given the overall staffing costs, this is unsustainable.

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**Proposal for Sefton Voices**

Members of Sefton Voices are invited to take part in a *new* Regional Choir (Directed by Stuart Overington), which will meet in Liverpool four times per year.

Rehearsals will be as follows

November 18th - 10-3

January 20th - 10-3

March 17th - 10-3

April 21st -10-5 including a concert @ The Music Room (Liverpool Philharmonic)

**Proposals for members of Sefton Junior Voices**

Members are invited to perform *Faster, Faster and Faster by* Stuart Overington, at Liverpool Cathedral on Friday 16th May next year.

Rehearsal dates will be confirmed before the end of term.

During next year, we also plan a range of activities including a Music Theatre, Opera and Songwriting Days.

**I apologise for any upset that this news will cause and hope that you will understand the reasons for these proposals.**

**I’d be most grateful to receive any feedback on the above proposals. Please send this by email to** [**chris.lennie@sefton.gov.uk**](mailto:chris.lennie@sefton.gov.uk) **by Friday 9th of June.**

**Yours sincerely**

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