

Chiltern Music Academy Student Council Meeting 11.01.19 at RGS, Junior Block Room 3

Minutes

1. Those present

Charlotte ap	Senior Orchestra, Intermediate Choir
Hugh	SymO, CB, Percussion Ensemble, YCh, Chamber Choir
Heidi – yes	Recorders, Senior Orchestra, Intermediate Choir
Izzy – yes	SymO, CB, Youth Choir, Show Choir, Ww Chamber
Andrew	SymO, Concert Band, Clarinet Choir
Alice	CB, Symphony Orchestra, WW Chamber, YC, SC, CC
Tilly ap	Senior Orchestra, String Orch, String Chamber, Youth Choir
Anna – yes	Senior Jazz Band, JWB, YC, SC, Supersonic helper
Alastair – yes	SymO, String Orchestra, Youth Choir, Show Choir
Harry – yes	Concert Band, SymO, Youth Choir, Chamber Choir
Freddie – yes	SWB, Percussion, SymO, Youth Choir, Show Choir
Hannah – yes	Show Choir, Youth Choir
Sana – yes	Junior Orchestra
Melissa – ap	Junior Orchestra

2. Welcome and thank you

Thank you for coming. Not an ideal time re week because of Chamber Concert and Band Fest but folk sharing out times. Thank you for all those who came to help on Welcome Desk last week: Andrew, Freddie, Anna, Harry.

3. Feedback from Ensembles

Ensemble reps need a little more time to gather feedback: please send asap before half term to Alice and Hugh to collate.

Golden Tickets: Some un-dated tickets are being made specifically for council to hand out as needed: please mention to ensembles. Harriet is getting them printed, giving them to Sally who will put in Music Office at RGS. Good to outreach to Challoners and John Hampden Schools.

Henry to source school contacts from existing members and co-ordinate.

Harry and Izzy to do Senior WB and Orch, Hugh and Alice to do Symphony and CB.

Sally to ask Sarah Milnes for schools being represented by these groups.

All lists to be given to Sally who will then write with specific details of instruments to focus on to Heads of Music in nearby schools.

Council suggested violin day!! Sally will suggest this to the Curriculum Committee.

4. Working with larger ensembles

We would like more parent helpers!

We can encourage senior pupils to help with other sections to sort specific problems

We need to consider timing: students to start on time, leaders to end on time, so that changeovers can take place and everyone can have a short break too.

SymO could send senior players to help with Senior Orch on rota basis/occasionally dependent on concert schedules.

5. Concert Dress

Some discussion had on concert dress but no clear outcome. Idea to change from white shirt and black bow tie to black shirts: ideal on tour. Not all agreed. Girls should have ankle length black skirt/dress. Student Reps. to put to groups after Sally mentioning ideas to Curric Committee.

6. Older fast track instrumentalists

Good idea! It's worked very well for older flutists converting to bassoonists.

7. Big Noise for older years

At a different school to RGS and WHS to widen publicity.

8. Student Council Feedback

Everybody to feedback what we have achieved this year to ensembles and to encourage new members to apply to Sally by email. Also make notes of any suggestions from ensembles and send on to Sally.

9. Gathering info

Sally to send minutes to Hugh and Alice to check, then send out to all. Reps to consult ensembles when minutes received. Info in by half term.

10. Welcome Desk Notices

Great new board displaying regular rehearsal times. Students would still like notices of upcoming rehearsals and concerts on display at Welcome Desk. Becky is happy to write these on the whiteboard as a 'dates for diary section'. Sally to put idea to Welcome Desk Team.

We could also send an email with instructions on easily accessing the concert schedule (some haven't yet found it!)

- Click the black drop down menu

- Click Hear Us drop down menu

- Click Concerts Coming Up

Or keep scrolling and going to the calendar: quite far down the page, but it lists all the rehearsals as well!

9. Date of next meeting

Fri 26th April 4:45 – 5:45