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County Youth Music Groups

Dear Young Musician,

Congratulations! You have been nominated to join one of our County Youth Music Groups

Gloucestershire County Youth Choir (GYC).

To represent your county in any discipline is quite an honour and we are delighted that you have shown a keen interest in music and in progressing your skills further. By becoming involved in our music programme you will get the opportunity to represent your county, work alongside professional musicians and perform at some great venues and music festivals.

We are delighted to be able to offer you a place in the following group.

Gloucestershire Youth Choir (GYC). Director: Lisa Mayo 01452 427242

Gloucestershire Youth Choir (GYC) represents the most passionate young singers in Years 7-13 from across the County's 40 Secondary Schools. By joining, you'll get the chance to take part in singing courses throughout the year over 3 weekends working with our professional vocal tutor team and visiting guest artists who will be industry leaders from a variety of musical genres and settings. We aim to explore a range of genres and styles with our young singers to help them build on the breadth of their repertoire experience and build in confidence, whilst meeting new, like-minded young people from all over the County. Every course will have a performance opportunity following it. Over the last 10 years the choir have performed at the Cheltenham Town Hall, Tewkesbury Abbey, Birmingham Symphony Hall and the iconic Royal Albert Hall. The choir have also successfully got through to the National Finals of Music for Youth on several occasions and represented our County alongside talented youth groups from around the UK. For more information please visit our website: [Gloucestershire Youth Choir \(GYC\) - Gloucestershire music](http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk)

Course Dates 2022/23

All courses are held at Sir Thomas Rich's School, Oaklease, Longlevens, Gloucester. GL2 0LF

5th/6th November 2022 – Course 1

Stage and Screen

A range of styles exploring musical theatre, film and stage.

4th /5th February 2023 – Course 2

Our Story – '10th Anniversary of GYC' Celebration

Jazz/Gospel/Folk theme repertoire

17th/18th June 2023 – Course 3

Disney-fest!

Exploring the wonderfully varied range of music from Disney/Pixar which we all love so much! Year 6 age children will also be invited to be nominated for this course along with Secondary age students.

Details of guest artists will be released shortly on our GYC webpage and via social media.

Concert Dates 2022/23

- **27th November 2022 – GM Winter Concert (Pittville Pump Rooms, Cheltenham)**
- **5th March 2023 – MFY Local Festival (Stroud Sub Rooms)**
- **18th March 2023 – Tewkesbury Abbey**
- *Either w/kend of 24th June or 1st July 2023 for the Summer Concert – TBC!*

The Next Step – How To Accept Your Invitation

Please ask your Parent / Guardian, to click on this link, which will take you to our Parent Portal where they can sign you up to the GYC courses [LIVE Portal \(paritor.com\)](https://paritor.com) (Don't forget to also book your free place on the Youth Singing Day as well!)

Each course costs £41.20 but if families are facing financial barriers to allowing their children to participate then you can apply for a fully funded bursary place for every course. All the details for how to apply can be seen when you are on the portal or please do contact us on 01452 427242 for more information if you wish to discuss further. Performance opportunities have no fee.

At Gloucestershire Music, we pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive organisation, which aims to provide high quality musical opportunities for every young person without barriers. So come and give our groups a try!

I very much look forward to hearing from you soon and congratulations once again.

Yours sincerely,



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