

**Gloucestershire Youth String Orchestra**  
**MFY National Festival, Birmingham Town Hall**  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Dear Young Musician,

Please note the following times and advice for your day at the Music for Youth's National Festival.

10:15 Arrive Colwell Arts Centre (staff will be onsite and the office open from 09:00 so you may arrive earlier if this makes it easier for you or your parents).

11:00 Rehearsal for all members please

12:45 Leave Colwell (cars may be left in the car park at own risk and if room permits).

13:45 Arrive Birmingham. Coach to park near Symphony Hall (remember performance is at Town Hall).

14:00 Holding area, free time (please note chaperone requirements overleaf for those of school age).

15:15 Meet at agreed holding area in Symphony Hall.

15:45 Report to MFY for registration, Foyer of Town Hall

16:30 Performance

16:55 Main town hall for feedback

18:00 Assemble at meeting point and to coach near Symphony Hall.

19:30 Arrive Colwell

**Performers check list, please make sure you have.....**

- Concert attire will be black shirt (long sleeve), shoes, trousers / long skirt or blouse, socks and tights all black please (no other colour).
- £15 (cash or cheque to *Gloucestershire County Council*) to help cover the cost of the event (irrespective if you take coach or not). Supporters coming by require £10 for additional coach seat. This is payable on the day of the event.
- Packed lunch and tea and drinks / water bottle. You can buy food etc when you arrive in the main concourse close by.
- Disposable toiletries to keep you smelling nice.
- Instruments (mutes etc if needed)
- Mobile phone.
- Medical needs - important items such as inhalers or medicine must be kept with you.

## Staff / Chaperones attending

Nick Steel (event leader)  
Heather McFarlane  
Beccy Busuttill  
Phil Storer

**Staff phones for emergency**  
07729 302262 and 07926 433024



## What else can I do in Birmingham?

It is vital you all get to listen to some of the other performers during the free time. In addition there is an outside stage and events. Please note chaperone info below.

## Valuables

Please take care of your valuables as there have been items stolen / mislaid in previous years.

## Chaperone / Important safeguarding advice?

We are required by GCC to ensure that all students of school age (if you are 15 or below) are chaperoned at all times. Whilst we understand this is not ideal for all young people it is a requirement that GCC has asked us to undertake. Performers who are 16 or 17 years or age may have an element of free time away from staff but are required to stay in groups of three or more. Performers who are 18 years + are adults but must still adhere to our requests below. .



## Please note following

**First Aid** is available on site at the Hall and emergency first aid with GM Staff.

Be aware of those around you and follow, at all times, the help and advice of your tutors.



There is no smoking permitted during the trip.

Alcohol and drugs are not permitted during any part of the trip (irrespective of age).

## Supporters tickets

Parents, friends and supporters can obtain tickets via the Music for Youth website ([www.mfy.org.uk](http://www.mfy.org.uk)) or on the day itself. Tickets usually allow access to all venues across the festival for the day you attend with multiple day passes also possible.

## Traveling with us?

If you are a supporter and traveling with us, please make a note of the pick up time and place.