

CLYM PROM FILMING THIS WEEK

Dear parent/carer,

Every year the City of Leeds Youth Music groups put on a concert at Leeds Town Hall for an audience of primary and secondary pupils from schools across Leeds, called the CLYM Prom. As a senior group, CLYO always take part in this event, which is an important one for promoting youth music in Leeds and encouraging other young people to take up an instrument and join a group. For many children who attend, this CLYO performance is their first experience of seeing and hearing an orchestra.

This year we were unable to do a live concert due to restrictions, and so we are creating a video version of the Prom that schools can watch in their classrooms. Some groups have created lockdown montage videos, or have been able to film small socially-distanced performances. The CLYO part of the video will feature some material from past recordings, but we would like to back these up with some material showing present members of CLYO playing.

We hope to film the part with current members this Friday 28th May at the CLYO rehearsal at St Mark's. Dominic Moore, who has recorded the CLYM prom in the past, will visit each of the groups on Friday night to film short extracts of playing. He may also ask a few people a few questions about their experiences playing in an ensemble, or their chosen instrument. In this way we hope that the children watching will feel inspired to learn an instrument or will feel encouraged to keep practicing if they are finding the going hard.

Please can you ensure that your child is aware that there will be a camera on Friday, and let me know ASAP if they aren't allowed to be included in the video in a way that they can be identified (please note that we may still film them from an angle where their face cannot be seen). There is no need to turn up in concert dress for this rehearsal, however they should be dressed appropriately for a video that will be shared to represent CLYO to other schools.

If your child would also like to volunteer to answer a few questions about their experience of CLYO or learning an instrument, please can you ask them to let Diane know on the evening. We're particularly interested in speaking to those who play a minority/endangered instrument, but all are welcome to put their name forward.

If you have any questions about the Prom, please do ask Diane, either in advance at diane.paterson@leeds.gov.uk, or she will also be at the rehearsal on Friday.

Kind regards

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