

15 June 2015

## Yr 7 - *Jazz Songs of Innocence*

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30pm

Dear Parent/Guardian

St Laurence School Music Department is hosting its first ever Music Festival, on a theme of *Boogie Nights*.

The Wiltshire Music Centre will be awash with all sorts of musical performances taking place on 5 different live stages, and we will celebrate at the end of the event with fireworks. If the weather is fine, picnics will be allowed in the field behind the music centre from 6pm. The music centre bar will be open for the duration of the event.

In the KS3 curriculum throughout terms 4 and 5, all students in Years 7 have learnt the *Jazz Songs of Innocence* by Bob Chilcott: the work is a setting of 5 poems by William Blake. The students have then composed their own songs inspired by Blake's well-known texts, and recordings of some of these songs can be heard in the 'sound booths' in the music centre during the festival. All students in year 7 will perform the *Jazz Songs* in the Music Festival accompanied by a small jazz ensemble of professional musicians and students.

On the day of the concert there will be a dress rehearsal during the whole of period 3. The year group will be brought together in harmony and be accompanied by the professional band for the first time!

In advance of the festival, all students will receive an information card detailing the performances taking place on the 5 different live stages, so that you can plan your time at the event.

Concert dress will be bright colours to match the jazz theme. Tickets are already available from Wiltshire Music Centre priced at £6 and £3 for concessions. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

Yours faithfully

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