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Dear Headteacher and Music Coordinator

Young Musician of the Year 2024 – Qualifying Round for Primary School pupils

I am delighted to inform you that we will once again be holding our Young Musician of the Year Competition at Soham Village College this year. This is always such a wonderful opportunity for students in our feeder Primary schools to perform to a supportive audience and receive individual feedback on their performance. Positive performance experiences are so important to our young musicians, and we would love to welcome pupils from as many of our local school as possible.

The date of the Qualifying Round for Primary Schools will be **Wednesday 27 March 2024** and this will take place in our Performing Arts Centre from 10:30am until approximately 12:30pm.

Attached is the entry form for pupils/teachers to complete. Entry forms should be submitted preferably by email to GPerry@soham-college.org.uk by **Friday 15 March 2024**. Pupils/teachers should consider the following when submitting their entries:

- Solo performances **only** are accepted for this competition
- Any instrument or voice can be submitted for entry
- The piece of music chosen should last no longer than three minutes
- From the qualifying round, 6-8 soloists will be invited to play in the Final.

As you may be aware, it is mandatory that original copies (i.e. not photocopies) of music are used for performances. Pupils should also submit original piano accompaniment parts where required. A photocopy of the music will be required for the adjudicator and will be destroyed afterwards; therefore, pupils should retain their original copies throughout. An accompanist will be available on the day, should the pupil(s) require one.

The final is scheduled to be held on **Tuesday 25 June 2024 at 7pm** in our Performing Arts Centre.

Many thanks for your continued support of this very enjoyable event.

Yours faithfully

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