

7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Choral opportunity - Bavarian Highlands by Edward Elgar

Looking ahead to next term, we would like to invite parents and friends to join our community choir (Victoria College Choral Society) to sing this wonderful piece of music. We will be joining with the Jersey Island Singers and the College Choir to perform together at St Helier Methodist Centre. Our first collaboration was in the 2018-19 academic year (my first year in Jersey), performing "Carmina Burana". After lockdown we joined with the Island Singers to perform Mozart's "Coronation Mass".

With 2024 being an anniversary year for Elgar, we wanted to do something a little lighter and more varied. The Bavarian Highlands was written after a holiday to Bavaria in 1896 and could be described as "Elgar meets the Sound of Music!"

The experience of singing together with the Jersey Island Singers and the boys of the College Choir will be a great opportunity for everyone to enjoy an exciting and challenging piece of music. We extend that invitation to parents and friends so that we can have a large choir which will do justice to Elgar's wonderful music.

No previous experience is necessary; we only ask for a willingness to commit to the rehearsals and to find the fun in meeting likeminded individuals, working together to sing this amazing work. We will meet for ten weekly rehearsals, starting on **Tuesday 9th January 2024** from **7-9pm**.

The rehearsals will be held with the Jersey Island Singers at Jersey College Prep on Claremont Road. There will be a nominal charge to cover hire of music, and some incidental minor expenses, of £20 (payable to Jersey Island Singers).

I do hope that you will be able to join with us to prepare for this performance on **Saturday 23rd March 2024**. If you would like to register your interest please complete <u>this form</u>, which will help us to know roughly how many people to expect.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Francis Murton** 

**Director of Music** 

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