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Dear Headteacher/Principal,

**Wimbledon Tennis Championships**

**Concert Band – Thursday 11 July 24**

MMF is delighted to have been invited to perform at the Championships again this year. This wonderful opportunity involves the young people performing for the crowds at the event before the tennis starts at 1pm. Our senior Concert Band has been invited to play on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Under the legislation relating to child performances, BOPA and child licencing, I need to request your permission as Headteacher/Principal for a pupil to be absent from your establishment to take part in a performance under a BOPA or Child Licence at the Championships on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Students will assemble at Gate 4 with supervision from MMF staff and licenced chaperones at 8.15am. There will be a sound check from 8.45-9.15am, a short break and then performers will be back in their seats at 9.45am ready for gates opening at 10am. The young people will perform three sets of music with adequate supervised breaks and finish playing by 12.30pm when a sandwich lunch will be provided by the AELTC. Students will be dismissed from MMF care at 1.15pm. They could then return to school or stay on to enjoy the tennis as they will all be issued with ground passes for the day.

I do hope that you will consider this an appropriate activity for your pupil. We know that it is a highlight of a young musician's career – having had the privilege of presenting our bands for over 25 years we meet many former students who still talk fondly of their Wimbledon performing experience.

I would be grateful if you could confirm your pupil can attend this event. Please contact me if you would like any further information by email [elisabeth.wigley@mmf.org.uk](mailto:elisabeth.wigley@mmf.org.uk) or on 07966 001134.

Thank you in advance for supporting this opportunity for your pupil.

With best wishes,



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