

MMF Performance at Wimbledon Tennis Championships**Request for Approved Absence 'C1'**

Dear Headteacher/Principal,

Merton Youth Concert Band (MYCB) – Thursday 10 July 2025

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 flagship senior concert band, MYCB, has been invited to play on Thursday 10th July.

Under the legislation relating to child performances, BOPA and child licensing, I am writing to request your permission as Headteacher/Principal for a pupil to be absent from your establishment to take part in a regulated performance under either a Body of Persons Approval (BOPA) or individual Child License.

Concert Information – Wimbledon Championships

Students will assemble at Gate 4 with supervision from MMF staff and licensed 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.

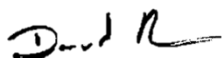
I do hope that you will consider this an appropriate activity for your pupil. We know that it is a highlight of a young musician's career – having had the privilege of presenting our bands for over 25 years we meet many former students who still talk fondly of their Wimbledon performing experience.

Please Authorise Absence Using Code 'C1'

I would be grateful if you would confirm with the parent/guardian that their child can attend this event and that you will authorize their absence using absence code 'C1' (absence for a regulated performance or employment abroad).

Please contact me if you would like any further information by email david.rees@mmf.org.uk or on 020 8640 5446. Thank you in advance for supporting this opportunity for your pupil.

With best wishes,



David Rees
Chief Executive

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