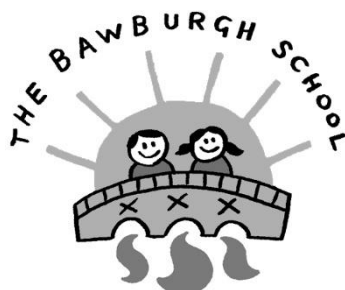


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Dear Parents and Carers,

Further to our exciting news of being involved in 'Into Opera's Song Cycle' we can confirm that Genevieve Raghu, Artistic Director of Into Opera along with 'Adisa the Verbaliser', a performance poet will be offering Virtual Workshops for staff and children on **Tuesday 14th July**. Parents, carers and children who have given permission will be invited to attend at the following times:

Year Group	Time of Workshop	Chaired by staff member
Year 5/6	9.30am – 10.20am	Mrs Maudlin
Year 4	10.50 am – 11.40 am	Mrs Sharpe
Year 2	12.50pm – 1.40pm	Mrs Sharpe
Year 3	2.00pm – 2.50pm	Mr Johnston and/or Mrs Sharpe

Due to the activities planned for these sessions Year 1 and Reception children will have their suggested differentiated activities uploaded onto the School Website and will carry out tasks at home or in school. In September these children will be included in the virtual workshops or group workshops as age appropriate. Please be reassured that all children's work will be included and all children will be involved in the workshops at some point.

Genevieve has asked that we share the following information with you so that you can be as prepared as possible for the sessions.

- Participants can join from school or home. Parents/guardians must give us permission for their child to participate in virtual workshops with Into Opera and for us to store their audio/video. **You have already given your permission, however, we do need you to confirm whether your child is able to attend the session on the 14th July, please follow this link: <https://forms.gle/ct67qqqS87x5vBdX6>**
- If your child is in school on the 14th July they will take part in the session in their bubble.
- Once you have agreed for your child to attend you will receive through your email accounts an ID and Password (please do not share this with anyone else). When logging in you will be directed to a Waiting Room and will then need to request entry to the workshop. We would like each child to have their first name visible (if



approved by parents) when they attend a virtual workshop (preferably as their screen name which they can enter on arrival or if not, wearing clearly as a sticker,

- A school member of staff will be present to chair the workshop, make introductions and for safeguarding purposes.
- These workshops will supplement the written resource and video tutorial about the themes for this project along with some poetry writing activities for the whole school, the activities will be uploaded onto the school's website in a file named 'Into Opera'.
- Ideally each child should log on to this workshop separately (rather than it being streamed into a classroom) and we recommend that if possible each child wears headphones.
- Please make sure each child has pen and paper to work on during the session.
- Please follow the Zoom policy guidelines when logging in and ensure sound is muted until instructions are given by the chair. Each workshop is recorded so that any 'themes' for material can be used to contribute to the Song Cycle.

Genevieve would also like to share that within the project they have managed to secure a highly acclaimed classical composer to write the music for the song cycle who will be offering virtual workshops to the children in September. His name is Will Todd. He has previously been commissioned by companies like Opera North, Opera Holland Park, Welsh National Opera, The Sixteen, Classic FM and even Obama! You might like to take a little look on his website: <https://willtodd.co.uk/>

We hope you will agree that although the past months have been very surreal this is an exciting opportunity to do something really positive as a community.

We look forward to seeing you at the virtual workshops.

Best wishes,

Colleen Sharpe

Mrs Sharpe
Senior teacher

