



Thames Youth Orchestra



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Dear Headteacher,

You may be aware that one or more of your pupils plays in the Thames Youth Orchestra. This young orchestra has developed considerably since its establishment four years ago and now enjoys an excellent local reputation, tackling imaginative repertoire, participating in an active educational programme and working in collaboration with professional ensembles. A highlight of TYO's forthcoming season is its participation in a Music for Youth Primary Prom at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday October 14th, playing *Mars* from Holst's *The Planets* to an audience of primary school children, many of whom will be hearing a live orchestra for the first time.

This letter is to request permission for those pupils in your school who are involved to be granted leave of absence on Wednesday October 14th.

I am sure you will agree that the experience of playing in a full strength symphony orchestra in one of the capital's premier venues in itself constitutes an important educational experience, one the musicians are unlikely to forget, and one of considerable value to the children who will make up the audience.

Yours faithfully,

Simon Ferris
Musical Director, Thames Youth Orchestra