

# Newsletter

January 2010



## *The Big Freeze!*

Since the 1<sup>st</sup> January the weather has made it very difficult to plan for rehearsals in preparation for the concert at the NCH. We have tried to find more suitable dates and venues, but the change of directives from the government has forced us to abandon these alternatives. However, we do understand that some parents have difficulties bringing their children to rehearsals.

We are doing our best to ensure that the orchestras will get as much rehearsal time as possible. The NCH will facilitate us in giving us access to the hall from Saturday noon on the day of the concert. We are grateful to Alexandra College to have opened their doors to the DYO last Sunday.

Please make sure to check the website, your emails and text messages to keep up to date with the schedule.

### *NATIONAL CONCERT HALL*

- Players do not need tickets
- Players should arrive at the Back Door, access from Hatch Street.
- Players are not allowed under any circumstance to go to the front of house at any time until the end of the concert.
- Only players and DYO volunteers may go backstage.
- All players have to wear DYO sweatshirts at the National Concert Hall, when not in concert dress.
- Players are reminded that, once the concert starts, they are not allowed under any circumstance to leave the building and must stay until the final bow.

### *DRESS CODE*

**Junior Strings and Intermediate:** white long sleeved shirt and formal black trousers. Girls can wear formal trousers or long black skirts with black tights. Black shoes for all.

**Concert Orchestra:** black shoes for all, formal black trousers, skirts or dresses (discreet!) with black tights for girls/women, long sleeve black shirt and formal black trousers with black socks for boys/men.

**Symphony Orchestra:** All black for the ladies, normal formal attire for gents including black dickie bow and jacket.

### *TIMETABLE*

**Junior Strings**  
Arrive 12.40, pick up 2.30. Leave instrument in NCH. Return 6.30 in Concert Dress

**Intermediate**  
Arrive 12.40, pick up 3.30. Leave instrument in NCH. Return 7.00 in Concert Dress

**Concert**  
Arrive 3.30, off stage 5.40. Leave instruments in NCH. Return to change 7.00

**Symphony**  
Arrive 12.40.  
Afternoon TBC

### *Chamber Day*

If you have not booked yet, we still have a few places available. Remember that the best groups will have a chance to perform at one of DYO concerts in the Spring. **Don't miss your chance!**

### *Dates for your diary*

7<sup>th</sup> February AGM, Sancta Maria College, 1.15. All parents and players over 16 are welcome. This is a very short meeting and there will be refreshments afterwards. It is a good time to come and join the team of parents who makes it all happen.

