



15 June, 2015

Dear Headteacher,

As part of the Community and Education Legacy work in which Leicester Cathedral is engaged in connection with the Reinterment of Richard III earlier this year, the Cathedral's schools' singing project *DioSing!* has commissioned a musical for primary schools, called 'The King in the Car Park' by Ben Vaughan, with a libretto by Philip Gross. The premiere will take place in Leicester Cathedral on Tuesday, 30 June at 2.00pm and will be preceded by a workshop for all participants (starting at 10.00am) which will include a demonstration of a selection of medieval instruments by a specialist performer.

In addition to parts for children from schools participating in *DioSing!* the composer has written parts for the Choristers of Leicester Cathedral Choir and the Loughborough Children's Choir to sing and I should therefore like to request that you grant leave of absence from school on that day to members of these choirs. I understand that an official request for absence of this kind can only come from a parent or carer and I have instructed parents also to contact you themselves to request permission formally.

We hope that other schools in Leicester and Leicestershire will be interested in putting on performances of 'The King in the Car Park' in the course of the next academic year and we will be making resources available through *DioSing!* (including teaching time from members of the Cathedral music staff) to schools interested in doing this. If this is something in which your school would be interested, please let Julie Tyler know (julie.tyler@leccofe.org or 0116 261 5372).

Yours sincerely,

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