

Choir etiquette and basic rules for new members

- New members are asked to attend choir rehearsals for 2-3 months before joining us for public performances. This will give an opportunity to learn our existing material.

NB You will be welcome to join us if we are doing a sing a long at care homes. And we encourage you to come and watch our concerts.

- We are always concerned about choir members who have been absent from rehearsals for a number of weeks (more than 4 weeks). There will be many reasons for absences and we can help these choir members to return after this time of absence. If you are unable to attend for more than a 4 week period please let your section leader know as soon as you can. If this happens we can work with you on your return, to get you up to scratch on the rehearsals/information and songs you have missed.
- When you return after an absence a 4 week period of attending rehearsals is necessary before you will be able to join in again at public performances. There will be some flexibility for extenuating circumstances. The most important thing is for you to keep in touch with your section leader so we can best help you. It is important that we know what your commitment to choir will be.
- **Dress code** – it is important choir members dress appropriately for performances. Dress is all black with a colourful flower worn on the left side. We ask that members wear either black trousers/long black skirts or short skirts with black tights. At summer performances, hats and sunglasses should be taken off, unless the MD informs otherwise. We ask that shoes and tights are black.
- **Positioning** – The MD will usually decide who should stand in certain positions at performances and this will be the final decision. This may not be where you have stood previously, and may not be next to the person you sit next to at rehearsals. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter.
- Talking during rehearsals and between songs at performances – While we want to make our Monday rehearsals fun, please have respect for the MD and other choir members by keeping talking to a minimum. Excess noise can be distracting. If you are having difficulty with your part the MD or Assistant MD will be happy to go through anything. When we are at a public performance we are own advertisement, so we must be completely professional throughout and until we leave the stage (even if things are not going right!)