



THE PORTSMOUTH GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Remembrance Concert Friday 11 November 2011

Over the last decade The Portsmouth Grammar School has drawn national acclaim for its programme of commissioning new works for young people to perform by composers of international renown to mark Remembrance.

This year, in celebration of a ten year partnership with the London Mozart Players, our Remembrance Concert will take place at St John's, Smith Square, London on Armistice Day itself, at 7.30 pm on Friday 11 November 2011.

The programme will include two pieces previously commissioned by the school: *The Five Acts of Harry Patch*, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies' choral setting of a poem by the former Poet Laureate, Sir Andrew Motion about the life of Britain's last Tommy; and Stephen Montague's *Requiem: The Trumpets Sounded Calling Them to the Other Side*, first performed in Portsmouth in 2009 to commemorate the 65th anniversary of the D-Day landings.

The Portsmouth Grammar School Chamber Choir, recently nominated for a South Bank Sky Arts Award, will perform alongside the exciting, young choir, Voce and the LMP, conducted by Suzi Digby (Lady Eatwell) OBE and by Gerard Korsten. The concert is in aid of Help for Heroes.

I do hope you will be able to join me for this tremendous tribute to all those who have given their lives in conflicts past and present.

Tickets are available direct from St John's by telephoning the Box Office on 020 7222 1061 and are priced at £10.

Yours sincerely

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