



## Southern Cotswolds Rotary Young Musician of the Year



**SERVICE Above Self**

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Dear Head of Music

Following the success of our Rotary Young Musician competition for the last six years, the nine Rotary Clubs in the area are planning to organize heats on Sundays during January 2009 culminating in a final in the Sibly Hall, Wycliffe College on Sunday February 21<sup>st</sup> 2010.

The competition is open to all musicians who are 18 years old or under and who are of Grade 6 standard or above on their instrument. Over £1000 in cash prizes and a number of trophies are to be won.

**We would be grateful if you could bring the competition to the attention of potential entrants in your school as well as informing members of your staff who teach music.** You may also be aware of some students who study with teachers outside your school who might also welcome the opportunity to participate. Please spread the message throughout the district so that no aspiring musician misses the chance to enter our competition which is growing in prestige and has been valued greatly by previous entrants.

I enclose a pack which includes a copy of the rules of the competition and an application form which should be returned no later than **30<sup>th</sup> November 2009**. Further copies of all the documentation can be downloaded from [www.stroudrotary.org.uk](http://www.stroudrotary.org.uk)

The aims of the competition are to find category winners and, of course, our district Young Musician of the Year but we believe that every entrant will gain immensely in many ways:-

- Having the experience of playing solo in front of an audience.
- Meeting a group of like-minded students from a number of different schools and colleges in the area.
- Listening to their contemporaries playing pieces of music that they might not have considered playing themselves.
- All entrants will be given a personal certificate expressly to be included with their Progress File.
- Gaining opportunities to play for further audiences within Rotary Clubs and elsewhere.

A member of your local Rotary Club will be contacting you shortly – if you have any queries he will be happy to help. Contact details for entries are shown on the poster enclosed.

Yours sincerely

*Terry Pascoe*

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