



Southern Cotswolds Rotary Young Musician of the Year 2012



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Dear Headteacher

Following on the successes of our Rotary Young Musician competition for the last eight years, the nine Rotary Clubs in our area are now planning this year's event to take place on Sunday afternoons during January 2012 culminating in the final at the Sibly Hall, Wycliffe College on *19th February 2012*.

Last year the first three places in the competition went to students of Katherine Lady Berkeley School, Wotton under Edge, with clarinet player, Emily Jenner winning the Mervyn Norris Cup. A growing number of excellent young musicians from all across the area have now benefitted from taking part and have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We do try to create a very supportive and relaxed environment in which they feel happy to perform. The event is well and truly established as a major part of the annual music programme for the region and represents a significant opportunity for our young people who would like to progress their playing into the performance arena.

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.

I 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.

I enclose a pack which includes a copy of the rules of the competition and an application form which should be returned by **30 November 2011**. Further copies of all the documentation can be downloaded from www.stroudrotary.org.uk

The aims of the competition are such that, although there will be an eventual winner, every entrant will gain from entering in a variety of 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.

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. You are, of course, very welcomed to attend the heats and you will receive a personal invitation to the final

Yours sincerely

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