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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Aspiration & Excellence Programme: Schubert in Schools Project

I'm writing to let you know that Tapton music department is participating in the "Schubert in Schools" project this year, as part of our aspiration and excellence programme for our more able Y7 cohort.

The project is being run in collaboration with Sheffield Music Hub and is inspired and co-led by internationally-renowned baritone **Roderick Williams**, whose previous prestigious engagements include the BBC's *Last Night of the Proms*. **Peter Taylor**, Singing Projects Coordinator at Sheffield Music Hub is leading the project alongside composer and amateur **Andy Smith** (from the BBC's Ten Pieces).

The students will have the opportunity to take part in workshop-style sessions in school, taking inspiration from Schubert's great song cycle *Winterreise (Winter's Journey)*, to enable them to learn some of the songs from the cycle and write a new composition inspired by the songs. They will work together, initially with input from myself, but will also receive support from Peter and Andy.

There is another school in Sheffield taking part in the project and students will come together in a whole day's workshop on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February in Sheffield City Centre (venue to be confirmed) with Roderick, Peter and Andy. There will also be an informal concert during the afternoon, which will be open to the public. Students will experience rehearsal and discussion time on the day and they will sing together with Roderick, as well as performing one of the Schubert songs and their own compositions respectively.

I am delighted to be able to invite your child to take part in the project and there are 50 places available. If you would like your child to participate, please complete the reply slip below and return it to the music department as soon as is convenient.

We have very clear school rules and expectations. Students need to demonstrate that they are following school rules and meeting our expectations in school in order for them to be allowed to attend. If 'On Call' should be summoned to their Music lessons on two or more occasions because of poor behaviour choices, from the date of receiving this letter they will not be allowed to attend. In addition, if your child is involved in any significant behavioural issue, in any subject, then this will result in your child not being able to attend.

Best Wishes,

Emma Soulsby  
Subject Leader – Music

**REPLY SLIP**

Please return to Mrs. Soulsby in the Music dept. by **8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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I give permission for my child:.....Form:.....

to take part in the Schubert in School Project

Signed:.....Date:.....

Emergency Contact Name:.....Emergency Contact Number: .....

Any Medical Conditions:.....



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