



23 September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: JACK PETCHEY GLEE CLUB CHALLENGE – SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025**

We are delighted to share that our show choir, *Showstoppers*, has been entered into **The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge**. The judges were highly impressed with our audition video and have invited us to take part in the Bootcamp and Semi-Final of the competition.

Although competitive in nature, the primary aim of the Glee Club programme is to provide young performers with valuable educational and performance opportunities. Each group that participates—regardless of the stage they reach—is encouraged to develop their performance skills, teamwork, self-discipline, and confidence.

This letter has been issued to all members of *Showstoppers*; however, the competition rules limit groups to a maximum of 30 participants. We will, therefore, be allocating places on a first come, first served basis. The first 30 students to complete the Google Form (link below) will secure their place in the competition. Please ensure you are able to attend **all the dates listed below** before committing.

**Event details**

- **Activity:** Glee Club Challenge Bootcamp.
- **Date:** Sunday 19 October 2025.
- **Venue:** Boswells School, Burnham Road, Chelmsford, CM1 6LY.
- **Transport:** Minibus.
- **Departure from Gateway:** 11:00 am.
- **Return to Gateway:** 4:30 pm (traffic permitting).
- **Dress:** Academy PE kit.
- **Food:** Please provide snacks and plenty of water.

To take part in this event, students must also be available to attend:

- **Semi-Finals:** Sunday 01 February 2026, The Broadway Theatre, London (all day). A separate letter with full details will follow in due course.
- **Rehearsals:** Every Monday lunchtime in the run-up to Bootcamp.

Additional dates (if successful):

- **Grand Final Bootcamp:** Sunday 22 March 2026.
- **Grand Final:** Sunday 19 April 2026.

We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for your child and we very much look forward to their participation in The Jack Petchey Glee Club Challenge. To confirm their place, please complete the following Google Form as soon as possible: <https://forms.gle/nwXw7zP2YPRGJn2m9>. You do not need a Google account to access the form, though you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome.

Please note that students without a completed consent form will not be permitted to participate. If you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on **01375 489000** or by email at [gemma.waters@theglc.org.uk](mailto:gemma.waters@theglc.org.uk) or [becky.mead@theglc.org.uk](mailto:becky.mead@theglc.org.uk).

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