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12th August 2010

Dear Jane,

Re: Leicester Cathedral Choir trip to Bootham School 2nd- 8th August

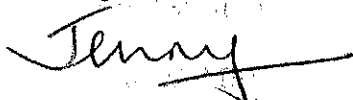
I am writing on behalf of the Leicester Cathedral Choir to thank you and your staff for a truly wonderful stay at Bootham School for our trip to York Minster last week. We had a fabulous week. The Minster was marvellous, the singing was magnificent and this was all supported by our wonderful base at Bootham School. The School was just an ideal venue for our temporary residence in York, not only because of its location so close to the Minster, but also because of your fabulous facilities which were made so warmly available to us.

The Choir enjoyed the facilities of your magnificent assembly hall for practising and our informal entertainment evening on Friday; the music block was great for individual and group rehearsals; we enjoyed the swimming pool and the help of the two life guards Patrick and Ben from Yearsley Pool; the sports hall, sports field and tennis courts were wonderful for additional recreation; the sitting room for adults was a quiet haven with marvellous and plentiful coffee; Fox House provided very comfortable accommodation; but perhaps the place that we all, without question, enjoyed most of all was the dining hall and the delights of the truly fabulous food on offer served by your friendly and helpful kitchen staff. I have to say I found it very difficult at every mealtime to decide which of the many delicious choices on offer to have; everyone I spoke too had the same delightful problem!

In addition to the actual facilities we were most impressed with the helpful approach of all your staff at the school. The level of service, helpfulness, friendliness and support of all the staff we came across was truly exceptional. There was nothing that we asked for that was not made available with a very cheerful "yes of course we can do that." Most of my interactions were with Chris and Carole who were both delightful, but I also finally met Graham in person and had a lovely chat. Several of the adults in the party said that if they were looking for a school for their children in York Bootham would be at the top of their list because of the genuine caring attitude of the staff we met.

Our week in York was a very special time for the Choir as it is the last trip the Choir will make with the current musical director, who after 13 years at Leicester Cathedral is leaving in September. I can't tell you how glad I am that we found Bootham School since I don't think that we could possibly have found anywhere better to stay.

With grateful thanks and very best wishes,



Dr Jenny Kurinczuk
Choir parent