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Dear Parents/Carers

Musical Society Performance – 31st March 2011

As part of the school's Spring Concert, The Blue Coat Musical Society will be giving a performance of **Carmina Burana** by Carl Orff. This is an exciting and dramatic choral work. Many of you will recognise its opening chorus as that used both in the 1970's "Old Spice" advert or, more recently, the opening music to ITV's 'X- Factor'. Although usually performed with a large orchestra, we will be utilising our talented percussion section in the version for two pianos and six percussionists. It should be a very exciting evening.

As with last year's performance of Vivaldi's Gloria, I am extending an invitation to all Parents, Staff and friends of the school to join us in this performance. Any previous choral experience is not necessary but there will need to be a commitment to as many rehearsals as possible. These will begin after the February half term and will be held every **Thursday** evening from **7pm-9pm**, starting on **24th February** and finishing on **24th March**. In addition there will be a full rehearsal for chorus, soloists, pianists and percussion on the afternoon of **Sunday 27th March** from **2pm- 5pm**, as well as a rehearsal on the day of the performance for all who can make it.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting choral venture *please reply via email to s.emery@staff.bluecoatschool.net*, giving your name, voice type (Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass), contact details and rehearsal availability. All are very welcome.

Yours faithfully

S. C. Emery
Director of Music

