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Dear Parent, Carer and Samba player

I am very pleased to announce that Sackville has again been given the opportunity to perform at Edenbridge Bonfire Night on **Saturday 8th November 2014**. The whole of year 7 have been learning three key samba pieces for performance at the event and your child is key to making this occasion a success. I hope you agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child to perform at an amazing event.

Edenbridge Firework Society is one of the oldest firework societies in the country. There are two parts to the evening. The first is a big torch lit procession along the High Street followed by a Firework Extravaganza. Around five thousand people attend this event every year.

The band has been invited to be the pre-procession entertainment and then to play on the recreation ground before the firework display.

In addition to the band members getting to watch the firework display for free the Edenbridge Bonfire Society is also willing to offer one free adult ticket to the accompanying adult of a samba band member. These tickets normally cost £7 each. Also, if you would like to be part of the band display we are looking for adults to carry torches. In addition, I do hope you will be able to see your child perform.

Samba band members need to meet in the **Edenbridge Leisure Centre car park** (near the entrance to the top end of the High Street) at **5.20pm**. We would prefer that students made their own way to Edenbridge as this reduces the cost of the event. However, any student unable to make their own way needs to contact Mr Heatley ASAP to see if another form of transport can be arranged. Please only use this if you can't make your own way. Lastly, parking at the event is very difficult and **LOCAL ROADS ARE CLOSED in Edenbridge at 6.00pm**, it is suggested that parents park at the Leisure Centre.

The students will then perform down the High Street from 6.00pm until 7.00pm. At 7.45pm the samba band will then perform on the recreation field in Edenbridge just before the fireworks begin. The fireworks are due to start at 9.00pm so all students will need to be collected at **8.30pm** from where they have just finished their performance (close to the Society's trailer on the recreation field in Edenbridge, see attached map).

There are very limited toilets available in the middle of town, so I would strongly suggest that all performers use the facilities at the leisure centre before meeting with the samba band at **5.20pm** at the police station.





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This is a great event, but it can be very cold and it may rain. All performers need to be dressed correctly (school uniform is not required) including:

- Thick jumper
- Rain coat
- Warm trousers
- Sensible shoes
- Some sort of RED item eg jumper, hat etc.

I would strongly suggest bringing a bottle of water and other light refreshments. Students will be able to buy hotdogs and other food from local street vendors costing between £2.00-£4.00.

Please could you complete the following consent form and inform me if you require a free adult ticket. Tickets will be issued on the night of the performance.

If you would like to buy further tickets then these will need to be purchased directly from Edenbridge Bonfire Society in advance or on the night. More information about the event and advance ticket sales can be found at www.edenbridgebonfire.co.uk and clicking on the link for Bonfire Night.

I do hope you agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child and I look forward to seeing you there.

Extra rehearsals take place in the Music block after school on Mondays 3.00pm-3.45pm.

Yours sincerely

Mr T Heatley
Music Teacher

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 To Mr Heatley in the Music department

Name of Student Form

I require/do not require a free adult ticket for the Edenbridge Fireworks night on 8th November 2014.

Signed Parent/Carer Date

