

Homeschool Children's Challenge*

Spelling

Read the program notes carefully and find all the words whose spelling differs from that given in *Eaton's True Blue Speller*. Discuss why.

Punctuation

Find all the errors of punctuation in the program notes. You may refer to the copy of Jensen's *Punctuation* you brought with you.

Time Travel

It would be most useful if you can do the previous items before the program notes are printed.

Mathematics - Irrational Numbers.

The opus number of Martin Gaskell's "π Acres" suite is clearly given to too few decimal places in the program notes. Improve on this careless rounding off by giving it to another 10 decimal places. Check with one of the composer's children that you have it right.

Geography

The 2007 National Geography Bee starts in just over a fortnight. Four of the national champions of the last decade have been homeschoolers. To demonstrate your preparation for this, describe how you would travel by road from Vienna to the two possible birth places of Vejvanovský. You may start by taking the international road from Vienna to Krakow.

Foreign Languages

1. Czech Count the number of different diacritics in the program notes about Vejvanovský and demonstrate to your parents how each letter would be pronounced differently without the diacritic. Do not forget the one at the end of Vejvanovský. Please do not demonstrate the sounds while the orchestras are playing.

Musical Performance

Which instrument in the violin family is lacking in the Junior Orchestra? (hint: it's bigger than a 'cello). Which instrument is least represented in the Senior Orchestra? (hint: it's the same instrument). Persuade your parents to sign up you or someone else in your family for double-bass lessons straight away!

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*with apologies to the Meadowlark Music Festival!