

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for the wonderful opportunity to participate in the Homerton College Conducting Day this past Saturday. It was truly an inspiring and enjoyable experience, and I am so grateful to have been part of it.

The entire day was incredibly well-organized, and I particularly appreciated the chance to work with the choir and receive guidance from Dr. Douglas. His approach was both encouraging and insightful, allowing us to explore our own interpretations while staying true to the music. It was also a valuable learning experience to observe the other conductors and sing within the choir when I wasn't conducting.

The informal concert at the end of the day was a highlight for me—it felt like a wonderful culmination of all the hard work and collaboration. I left feeling inspired and with a deeper appreciation for the art of conducting.

Xuandi

Just wanted to say a big thank you for having us at the conducting day on Saturday!

I really enjoyed it and I learnt a lot. I think it is something I would consider doing again in the future. It was slightly nerve wracking at first, but the choir was very patient and encouraging, so if you could also pass on my thanks to them that would be much appreciated!

See you this evening ☺

Best wishes,

Ming

The conducting workshop was a really rewarding experience for me. It has always been a dream of mine to conduct a choir, and through this workshop I had the chance to conduct one of my favourite pieces. I was genuinely amazed by the beautiful sound of Ensemble of Friends, and it was incredibly satisfying to work with such a wonderful group.

I also learned a lot through the practical experience of conducting the choir, especially with the guidance from Douglas and the two professional and very friendly musicians. What surprised me most was how much difference a conductor can actually make to the choir's sound and expression.

Since there is no strict standard required for the workshop, it feels very accessible for beginners. I would definitely recommend it to anyone who is curious about conducting, whether you are a music student or a slightly overwhelmed STEM student like me. I also think it is a great introduction to conducting and could really inspire more people to try it.

When I go back home, I'm sure I'll at least have the confidence to conduct my family singing New Year songs during Spring Festival!

Thanks again for organising such a wonderful workshop :))

Best,

Raina