**Semi-structured interview schedule**

**Date: 12/06/22**

**Signature of researcher: JL**

**Name of participant: Peter (Gr. 9 Student)**

1. Briefly tell me about your choral singing experience. **Which choirs have you sung in** and **how long have you been a member in the Kearsney College Choir**?

At my previous **Primary School**, I only sang in the choir for **five years** from **grade three to seven** and that was an okay experience. It wasn’t as great as being in this choir, and I started in this choir last year in **grade eight**, so this is my **second year in the Kearsney** College Choir.

1. Explain your initial reasons for wanting to join the Kearsney College Choir.

I play **multiple musical instruments**, so I am **very involved in music**. I then decided to be a **part of the music department in a bigger way**, and I thought that the choir would be a **great opportunity**. I found it very **fascinating how they dance** and not many other choirs dance in the way this choir does.

1. What are some of the highlights (if any) of being a member of the Kearsney College Choir?

With the **hierarchy**, it is nice to **get to know the older boys** because sometimes they can help you with the **traditions and things in the choir**. In your own grade you g**et respect from the others**, they respect that you are there participating.

1. How does choral singing make you feel? **Explain in detail**.

It **makes me feel nice**. I like singing and it **feels like I am doing something for other people** and it feels nice that they are there to witness it.

1. Do you have friends in the choir? If so, how important are these friendships to you?

Yes, I do have friends in the choir. **These friendships are very important**. They help me with various things that motivate me to come to the choir and that **gives me a fun factor in the choir**. **My friends are also very involved in the music department at school, like the orchestra, and I just find it nice to be around them**.

1. Do the members of the Kearsney College Choir share a unique brotherhood (separate from the rest of the school)? **Elaborate**.

I would say so because **we are together a lot more and eventually**, **we become more committed to what we are doing at choir compared** to other students at school. We **participate in various activities because of each other** instead of other boys participating in activities because they must and if they don’t then they might get into trouble for not doing anything, but for me, it is nice to do things with my friends and we like it.

1. Do you think singing in a choir can bring diverse cultures together, and if so how, and if not, why do you think that is?

**I think it does bring other cultures together because we sing different songs.** Let’s say I do not want to sing completely Zulu songs which other people might not also want to do, they stay away from the choir, but if you do English songs as well, **lots of people will come to sing Zulu and English songs and they would come together and compromise to do well in both.**

1. How do you experience cultural integration (if any) within the choir?

I come from an English family, so I am not that exposed to Zulu songs, culture, and all. To come here and **learn Zulu lyrics and translate them, I get to know the culture and I enjoy performing it with African drums**. I enjoy learning from other cultures, and it is not just something to do with the cultures, but also**, I learn something from my country as well**.

1. Could you explain what you value most of being a choir member of the Kearsney College Choir? **Elaborate**.

**The friendships and socially interact with other people**. There isn’t really anything else, **I enjoy the company of others and it allows me to get a place in the school.** It certainly **is like a family in the choir**.

1. Have you ever experienced personal negativity because of singing in a choir (Kearsney or other)? **Explain**.

**I have not experienced anything negative while participating in a choir.**

1. What are some of the benefits of singing in a choir for you?

**Friendships**, I would not have been friends with most of these people if I wasn’t in the choir. **I do enjoy singing**, so that is also a benefit, and the fact that I am **part of the music department gives me a higher status in the department itself**.

1. What are some of the disadvantages of singing in a choir?

**It is very time-consuming**, and w**e are very busy with sports and other things like schoolwork, other work, and studies**. **During exams, we still carried on with our hour practices on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays**. I do not study as much as I would have done if I were not in the choir. **I learn time management** and obviously, I do not have as much time being in the choir.

1. What motivates you to continuously participate in choral singing?

My friends and I would always join choirs with the anticipation of making more friends and being in a social circle.