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**This matter is being dealt with by:**

(Mandy Howard, PA to The Mayor, [Mayor@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:Mayor@sunderland.gov.uk), 07766 367 426)

Dear Ms Hamilton,

**REMEMBERING SREBRENICA – TUESDAY 11 JULY 2023**

My name is Councillor Dorothy Trueman, Mayor of Sunderland.

On Tuesday 11 July, I hosted the city's Remembering Srebrenica Commemoration Service in Sunderland Minster to honour and remember the victims of the Bosnian Genocide that occurred between 1992-1995.

Over the past few months, my office has been liaising with one of your colleagues Mr Mark Leadbeater, who kindly agreed to pupils of the Thornhill Academy Choir to come along and sing during the service.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Mr Leadbeater for his hard work hosting practice sessions and preparing the pupils ahead of the service and ensuring everyone arrived at Sunderland Minster safely.

My thanks and gratitude to your students involved, their rendition of 'Somewhere only we know' was heart-warming and beautifully sang. I must also give a special thanks and congratulations to Caleb who so bravely performed solo, singing 'Shipyards' by local lad Martin Longstaff better known as 'The Lake Poets', he did a remarkable job.

Everyone in attendance at the service were praising your school choir including the Deputy-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear, Mr Umesh Patel MBE, DL and the High-Sheriff for Tyne and Wear, Dame Irene Hays DBE, DL.

The talent your students displayed was second to none, they are exceptional individuals that Thornhill Academy can be proud of.

I would be most grateful if you could please convey my thanks to those involved and I do hope the Office of the Mayor have the opportunity of working with your school again in the future.

If there are any events your school host please feel free to invite the Mayor along, or if you have a school council that would like to visit the new City Hall for a tour by the Mayor etc, please do not hesitate to contact Mandy Howard in the Mayor's Office via email address [Mayor@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:Mayor@sunderland.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely



Councillor Dorothy Trueman  
The Right Worshipful the Mayor of the City of Sunderland