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Chapter 1

The Best So Far

There was so much clapping! Would it ever end?

The ten members of Burford School Glee Club took another bow. Mel had a big smile on her face. She loved being on stage with the Club. And this had been their best show so far!

As they came off stage, the members of Glee Club were buzzing. Ms Okoro gave them all high fives.



“You did me proud,” she said. “All that practice paid off. Well done, everyone.”

“That was awesome!” Dom said. He did some body-popping and moon-walked across the room.

Cal flicked his floppy blond hair out of his eyes and slapped Dom on the back. “Cool move!” he said.

Mel hugged Jools. “You were amazing.” she said.

Jools hugged her back. “Thanks, babe. I wasn’t sure about that top D. Did I hit it OK?”



Mel laughed. "Of course you did. Every time!"

Jools was the best singer in Glee Club. She was stunning and her voice was really

powerful. She'd got to the 2nd round of 'Britain's Got Talent' last year.

"Only six weeks till the big night," Jools said.

"Bring it on!" everyone shouted. "We're going to thrash Norton High!"

"Glee Club for ever!" Mel shouted. She punched her fist in the air.

At the end of term, Glee Club was going to compete against all the other schools in the area. Last year, Norton High had beaten them. This year, Mel was *sure* they were in with a chance.

But just a week later a notice went up on the wall.

“Glee Club Cancelled,” the notice said.