



21 October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: A-level Music composition masterclass at the Royal Hospital School

As an A-level music student, I would like to offer your child the opportunity to take part in a visit to the Royal Hospital School, Ipswich to take part in a composition masterclass. The date of this trip is Wednesday 24 November.

Students will take part in a number of activities organised as part of the trip to help in their studies. The itinerary is as follows:

8am	Depart St Martin's School
9.30am	Arrive at Royal Hospital School, an intro to writing for voices with demos by the National Youth Choir of Great Britain
10.30am	A lecture on composition
11.30am	Pupils split into groups to start writing a piece (each group is supported by one fellow from the National Youth Choir of Great Britain)
1pm	Lunch (£4 per person, or students can bring their own food)
1.30pm	Pupils back in groups to complete composition
2.45pm	Performance of pieces
3pm	Depart Royal Hospital School
5pm	Arrive back at St Martin's School

We will take a return school minibus trip to Ipswich, and the cost of the trip is a voluntary contribution of **£14** per student (not including lunch, please see itinerary above). If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip will have to be cancelled. We have capacity to take all A-level Music students, and the trip is now available to be paid for via ParentPay. It is not compulsory for students to take part in the visit, but the experience will enhance their learning opportunities and provide examples to better understand the work being covered during lessons. This is particularly important considering composition is worth on average 30% of your son or daughter's A-level in Music.

If you are interested in your child participating, please fill in the attached consent form with full medical information and dietary requirements included. Please return the consent form to the finance office and make payment by ParentPay by **Friday 12 November**. It is important to note that should the payment deadline be missed your child's place on the trip may be in jeopardy.

Should the event be cancelled, for example due to Covid-19, we will be able to offer a full refund. However, should your son or daughter need to pull out closer to the time (for example due to a positive Covid test), we cannot guarantee a refund will be possible unless we can find a short-notice replacement for them.

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If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school on 01277 238353 or mharris@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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