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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: A-level Music and Music Technology trip to Royal Holloway, University of London

As a student of A-level Music and/or Music Technology, I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to visit Royal Holloway, University of London on Wednesday 9 March.

Royal Holloway is one of the most prestigious universities at which to study Music in the UK, and as part of the visit, we will attend a lunchtime concert delivered by their choir of choral scholars. The Choir of Royal Holloway is considered one of the finest mixed-voice collegiate choirs in the country, has toured most European countries, the United States, China and has recorded nine albums on the Hyperion record label. We will also have the opportunity to have a campus tour, a 'transition to university' talk as well as sample lectures relevant to the students' A-level topics and beyond.

There may be times during the trip when students are given free time. They should not go off on their own but should remain in small groups at all times. Staff will issue a contact number should any student become separated.

We will take a return minibus trip to the university, departing St Martin's at 8am and leaving Royal Holloway at 4pm. As the trip will take place during the school day, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £8 to cover the expense of providing the off-site activity. 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. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions, it is likely that the trip will have to be cancelled.

I will be leading the trip accompanied by Mr Williams. As a student of A-level Music or Music Technology your child is guaranteed a place, and payment can now be made via ParentPay. Should the trip be cancelled, you will receive a refund. However, should the trip go ahead but your child is unable to attend once payment has been made, the money is non-refundable. The deadline for payment is **Friday 25 February**.

If you are interested in your child participating, please complete the attached consent form with full medical information and dietary requirements included and return to the finance office by Friday 25 February, the same day as the payment deadline.

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

Mr M Harris
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