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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: A-level Music and Music Technology trip to WaterBear, The College of Music

As a student of A-level Music and/or Music Technology, I would like to offer your son or daughter the opportunity to visit WaterBear, The College of Music on Wednesday 8 June.

Based in the heart of Brighton, WaterBear offers BA (Hons) degree and master's courses tailor-made for today's musicians. Smaller class sizes, flexible course delivery, bespoke one-to-one mentoring and exclusive opportunities for real world work experience and career development are central to the student experience. We will have the opportunity to watch some of their live student performances as well as have a tour, a workshop and a Q&A with current staff and students.

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 WaterBear at 4pm. As the trip will take place during the school day, we are asking parents to make a voluntary contribution of £12 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 and will be accompanied by Mr Bates. 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 full refund, however, should the trip go ahead but your child no longer be able to attend once payment has been made, the money is non-refundable. The deadline for payment is Friday 13 May. It is important to note that should the payment deadline be missed your child's place on the trip may be in jeopardy.

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 by Friday 13 May, the same day as the payment deadline.

If you have any 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
Head of Music

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