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Dear Parent/Carer

## **A Level Music Trip to a 'Classical Spectacular' at the Royal Albert Hall**

I am writing to you as your child is currently on the A level Music course or is interested in doing A level Music next year. We have organised a trip for them to see a 'Classical Spectacular' at the Royal Albert Hall, London on **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2019**. A range of music will be performed by The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra 'Also Sprach Zarathustra' by Strauss, 'The Lark Ascending' by Vaughan Williams to Tchaikovsky's '1812 Overture', complete with thundering cannons, indoor fireworks and a laser light display. As you may be aware, the A level Music course requires students to have a good understanding of the western classical tradition and to also have a bank of wider listening pieces that they can reference in the exam, so this concert will be ideal to widen their classical music knowledge.

We will be travelling by train to the Royal Albert Hall and will be meeting at the Hemel Hempstead train station at 11.50am for a 12.20pm departure. Students will need to bring money with them to purchase a travel card at the cost of £12. Once in London, the plan is to head to Pizza Express ahead of the concert for 1.30pm, so please bring enough money for pizza/drink. We will depart the Royal Albert Hall at 5.45pm and estimate to arrive back at approximately 7pm to be collected outside of the Hemel Hempstead train station. Students may wish to bring some money for refreshments during the interval.

The cost of the concert ticket is **£17.50**. Please access the online system to pay and give your consent. In exceptional circumstances payment may be made over the phone by card. Payments are required by Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> February. I understand that this is a quick turnaround but we have managed to reserve seats that we may not be able to guarantee after Thursday.

If you have any queries regarding this, please contact myself or Pam McGahey on 01442 267681.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R Saxby'.

**Miss R Saxby**  
Head of Music