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Dear Parent/Carer

Mid Sussex "Orchestral Day" at Oathall Community College, Friday 11 January 2019

I am writing to invite your child to an exciting day of music to be held at Oathall Community College on Friday 11 January 2019. The event is being organised collectively by music teachers from Oathall Community College, Downlands School, St. Paul's Catholic College, Warden Park Academy and Burgess Hill Academy and is being supported by West Sussex Music.

We are very privileged to have several experienced instrumentalists and musical directors in our local schools who, between them will conduct the pieces as well as run sectional rehearsals for the strings, brass, woodwind and percussion players to maximise their learning and progression.

The aim of the project is to enrich and broaden the musical experience of our orchestral players by providing them with an opportunity to play in a symphony orchestra under the direction of expert musicians in a positive, inclusive and social environment.

Included in the day is a program for more experienced players whom participating schools have been asked to identify ahead of the day as they will be given opportunities to lead their sections or have a go at conducting the orchestra during rehearsal!

We will be travelling to Oathall by school mini bus so we will need to assemble in the music department at 8.30 am at the latest. Your son/daughter will need to have their instrument, some water and a packed lunch and be in full school uniform. We will return to school by 3.30pm.

Parents and friends are warmly invited to attend the final performance. However, seating may be limited and we would therefore ask you to let us know in advance if you are planning to attend by completing the information on the reply slip.

Yours faithfully

A Wardrobe
Head of Music





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The schedule for the day and reply slips are printed below. Please complete the reply slip and return to Mr Wardrobe by Wednesday 9 January 2019.

Student's Name: _____ Tutor Group _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

Will/will not be attending the orchestral day at Oathall Community College on Friday the 11 January from 9.15 am until 2.45 pm.

I will/will not be attending the performance at Oathall in the Assembly Hall at 2:10 and will require _____ seats.

Plan for the day

9:15 - 9:30	Arrive	All teachers to register students, copy to office, delivery of safety and comfort information
9:30 - 10:50	Welcome, warm up and play	Hall
10:50 - 11:10	Break	Hall or garden outside hall, if wet then sports hall as a break out zone
11:10 - 12:10	Sectionals	Strings remain in the hall, Percussion in the Ensemble Room, Brass in Room 92, Woodwind in Room 91
12:10 - 1:10	Rehearsal	Hall
1:10 - 1:40	Lunch Break	Hall or garden outside hall, if wet then sports hall as a break out zone
1:40 - 2:10	Final rehearsal	Hall
2:10 - 2:20	Quick Break	Hall or garden outside hall (NOT sports hall)
2:20 - 2:45	Performance	Hall
2:45	Farewells	From side of hall, students are signed out by teachers

I agree that my child may participate in the above activity. The school has taken out a School Journey Insurance Policy underwritten by AIG for each pupil attending this activity, though claims arising from a pre-existing condition are exempt. The policy includes fixed levels of benefits in respect of Personal Accident and Personal Property. A copy of the policy schedule is available upon request. Any claim made under this policy does not affect your statutory rights. In respect of legal liability please note the school cannot be held responsible for any loss unless negligent.

Parent/Carer Signature: Date:

