



March 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

RE: KS4 TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSIC EXPERIENCE

We would like to take our KS4 Music students to Liverpool on Thursday 30th April to the *British Music Experience*. This is a new Museum which boasts an unrivalled collection of stage outfits, memorabilia and instruments. The BME charts the beginnings, rise and influence of British pop on art, fashion and even the Government from 1945 to the present day. Our visit to the BME will include full access to the galleries, learning zones, Gibson Brands Interactive Studio (whether its drums, keyboards or guitars you're interested in, students can get involved and have a go). There is a vocal booth and a dance booth for aspiring singers and dancers and a dance area. We will also receive an innovative and exciting workshop called 'Rhythm and Beat.' This workshop illustrates how popular music past and present primarily follows the 4/4 beat. Get hands-on in this interactive workshop where students play instruments and learn the basics of rhythm and beat.

Popular Song is an Area of Study that students need to understand for the EDUQAS GCSE course and for those students on the Rock School Level 2 course. Students have to demonstrate their understanding through a listening exam, composition and through their own performance. The visit will take 3 hours. We will leave school prompt at 8.30 am by coach and return back to school at 4.30pm.

Pupils will be required to wear full school uniform and also a coat that will keep them warm and dry as we walk through Leeds. All pupils will need a packed lunch as we will have lunch at a designated eating zone for schools. (*Those entitled to free school meals will have these provided*).

Photography will be used during this trip.

In order to cover the cost of the trip we are asking parents to make a contribution of **£21.00** payable no later than **31 March**. We anticipate this being a popular trip therefore be advised that places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please log onto ParentPay (www.parentpay.com) to provide consent for this trip and to make payment. If you are unable to access ParentPay, please contact the finance team who will be able to help 01423 548800 Ext. 221/270. Unfortunately, if insufficient donations are received the trip will not be able to run. Whilst we recognise that the cost of school trips can be expensive, we believe it is important for all our children to experience out of school visits and would very much like to ensure that every child has the opportunity to take part. **If you are experiencing financial difficulties please speak to either Miss G Cloughton or Mr L Wilson in confidence.**

Please note that it is your responsibility to provide timely updated medical and contact details to school. Do not hesitate to contact me using the main school email address (admin@harrogatehighschool.co.uk) if you have any queries you would like to discuss further.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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