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Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Royal Albert Hall Concert, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

I am excited to announce that on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**, The William Ellis Vocal Group will be taking part in the Camden Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall (RAH). Every school in the Borough will be participating in this exciting performance. The William Ellis Vocal Group will make up part of the massed choir which will sing throughout the event.

Choir rehearsals will continue as usual, on Tuesday lunchtimes in room 48 from 1.30-2.00pm, in the run up to the event and it is vital that all members of the Vocal Group attend all rehearsals so the boys are properly prepared for the concert. There also will be additional rehearsals held before the concert.

Below is a timetable of the main events that will take place in addition to usual rehearsals:

Event	Date	Time	Location
Choir Cluster Rehearsal	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> February March	10:00pm - noon	Cecil Sharp House
Dress Rehearsal *	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Afternoon	RAH
Concert	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	6:00pm - 9:15pm	RAH

**Food**

\*Please provide a **packed lunch and dinner and a drink** for your son on this day. Water will be provided during the interval of the concert. Any student eligible for free school meals will be provided with a packed lunch (but a packed dinner will have to be provided).

**Travel Arrangements**

We request that you or another parent **picks up your son from the RAH** after the concert as **we will not be escorting any students back to William Ellis after the concert.**

**Choir Rehearsal at Cecil Sharp House**

On **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, students should arrive at school, in full school uniform and go to registration as normal. At the beginning of period 1 (8:50am) they should then go promptly to reception where they will be met by Mr Singleton and escorted to and from the rehearsal by public transport. They will be in school back in time for lunch.

**The Concert**

On the day of the concert, students must arrive at school, in full school uniform and go to Periods 1-3 as normal. At the beginning of Period 4 (12:15am), they should go promptly to reception where they will be met by Mr Singleton and will be escorted to the RAH by public transport.



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#### **After the Concert**

With over 2000 children all finding parents after the concert, it is vital that all parents follow the school's instructions in picking up their child after the concert. The collection point for William Ellis students after the concert will be the bus stop on **Prince Consort Road (the stop RZ)**. This is found by walking out of the south side of the hall, down all the stairs (opposite the Royal College of Music) and turning right at the bottom of the stairs. Students will then be escorted to the collection point by a member of staff after the concert. Staff will then wait until all students have been collected. **Please make sure a member of staff has been notified before taking your son home.**

#### **Practice**

Students will be learning six songs: Ode to Joy (Secondary Upper), I Smile (Upper 2), Hall of Fame (Upper 1), It Must Be Love (Part 1) and A New Create. Your son will be given access to recording of the songs and copies music. Please make an effort if possible to practice your songs with your son at home in the weeks leading up to the concert.

#### **Tickets**

Tickets cost £12 and can be purchased directly from William Ellis. We have been allocated **1 ticket** per child. If you would like this ticket, please indicate on the return slip below and if you would like an additional ticket if it were to become available, please state below. You will then be billed £12 electronically on the school's online payment system for this ticket. You must pay the amount by the deadline in order to guarantee your ticket. Once we have received your ticket from the RAH we will inform you, so you can collect it from the school reception.

From 27<sup>th</sup> February, any remaining tickets for the concert that have not been allocated to schools will go on general sale. If you would like to purchase an additional ticket you can do so by calling the Royal Albert Hall Box Office directly to purchase one, however it will be in a different location to the school location. If we have any remaining tickets from our priority allocation, we will also inform parents.

**Please sign the slip overleaf and return to Mr Forbat by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.**

Kind Regards,

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Form:** \_\_\_\_\_

I give permission for my son to take part in the Camden Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020. I understand that he will be travelling to the rehearsals on 27<sup>th</sup> February and 10<sup>th</sup> March by public transport, accompanied by a member of staff.

I will be collecting my son from the Royal Albert Hall directly after the concert.

Please delete as appropriate:

I **would/would not** like a ticket for the event (and agree to being electronically billed).

I **would/would not** like an addition ticket if it were to come available.

**Contact details**

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Medical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and return to Mr Forbat by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**