



Dear Parent/Carer,

## Re: RCM Gamelan Workshop (Year 10 GCSE Music)

I am delighted to invite your child to take part in an exciting and enriching educational visit to the **Royal College of Music**, one of the **world's leading music conservatoires**, as part of their GCSE Music course.

I have arranged for students to attend a hands-on **gamelan workshop**, where they will explore the vibrant sounds of **Indonesian music**. This interactive session will give students the opportunity to **perform as part of a real gamelan ensemble**, developing their **listening, teamwork, and performance skills** in a completely new musical context. It is a fantastic opportunity to experience music-making beyond the classroom and bring their GCSE studies to life.

In addition, our students will also visit the **RCM Museum** prior to the workshop, however this will be confirmed nearer the time. The museum houses one of the **richest collections of music-related objects in the UK and Europe**, offering a unique chance for students to engage with historical instruments and artefacts that span 500 years of musical development.

Below are the details for the day:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>
<b>Timings</b>	<b>11:15</b> – Meet Mr. Clarke outside reception <b>11:30</b> – Leave school <b>12:15</b> – Lunch / visit RCM Museum <b>14:00</b> – Gamelan workshop at RCM <b>15:30</b> – End of gamelan workshop; leave venue <b>16:15</b> – Arrive back at school
<b>Venue</b>	<b>Royal College of Music</b> , Prince Consort Road, London, SW7 2BS
<b>Travel</b>	We will travel via <b>TfL London Underground</b> ; students' travel to and from the venue is <b>free</b>
<b>Dress</b>	Students must wear their <b>full school uniform</b>
<b>Food</b>	<b>Students will need:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A <b>packed lunch</b> (<i>Students who have Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch</i>)</li><li>• A <b>bottle of water</b></li></ul>

This trip is a **compulsory** part of the Year 10 GCSE Music curriculum, designed to support students' understanding of world music, performance, and composition, and I am pleased to inform you that this trip will be **free of charge** to students.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

**Mr. Conaugh Clarke**  
Head of Music