

September 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Gamelan Workshop**

A visit to City, University of London has been arranged for GCSE and A Level Music students to take part in a Gamelan Workshop. Gamelan is a traditional Indonesian percussion ensemble (see picture).

This is an excellent opportunity for the students, as it will provide them with a chance to develop their practical ensemble skills and gain a deeper cultural and musical understanding of traditional Indonesian percussion music. Furthermore, it will support students 'wider listening', as they will be tested on an unfamiliar piece of music in their GCSE and A Level exam and there is a direct link to the set work 'Estampes' by Debussy, which is studied as part of the A Level music syllabus.

Details of the trip are as follows:

Date:	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Venue:	City, University of London – College Building
Time of departure:	11:00am
Departing from:	The Sweyne Park School
Time of return:	3:30pm (estimated to be back at SPS at 4:45pm)
Lunch:	Packed lunch to eat on the coach
Dress:	Full school uniform
Mode of Transport:	Coach
Total Cost:	£28

This trip will be covered by school insurance and accompanied by the following members of staff: Miss H Wood (Trip Leader), Mrs D Townsend (Deputy Leader) and Mrs J Musson (RB Support)

This trip requires us to pre-purchase transport/tickets to obtain the best price. Therefore, we will not be able to offer a refund unless there are exceptional circumstances in the event of your child being unable to attend the trip.

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Any pupils who require medication must ensure that they bring this with them.

If there are any financial difficulties, please contact the Headteacher, Mrs Dines, in the strictest confidence. If you have any queries concerning the trip, please contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely

*H Wood*

Miss H Wood  
Music Teacher and Trip Organiser

