

16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: GCSE Music – Vienna Concert Tour – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027**

We are delighted to be offering a 4-day residential trip to Vienna, Austria, during half term in February 2027 for GCSE music students. The trip will run from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027. The cost of the trip will be **£1,100.00** per student, places are limited to 20 students and will be on a 'first come first serve basis'.

The tour company we will be using, Rayburn Tours is a specialist in worldwide educational school trips. They were recently awarded Best School Tour Operator in the School Travel Awards 2025.

We will travel by return flights flying from a London Airport to Vienna. Once in Austria, we shall be staying in Hotel Garriel (Garten & Kunsthôtel Gabriel), a centrally located hotel with en-suite rooms. Breakfast, and dinner are included each day and Students will be allocated 12 Euros daily to purchase their own lunch. The price of the trip also includes a trip hoodie for each student.

Please note that this trip will be available via School Gateway on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 9.00am.**

The following itinerary is only a guide, a more detailed itinerary will follow at the Parents' meeting in January 2027, when accommodation and flights have been confirmed.

During the stay, students will follow a bespoke itinerary which has been specifically arranged to ensure they gain the maximum benefit from the trip. Students will visit the Haus der Musik, an interactive sound and music museum offering insights into acoustics, composition, and the history of Viennese musical culture, take part in a guided tour of the Vienna State Opera House, one of the world's most prestigious opera venues, attend a Vienna State Opera performance (subject to availability). We will also attend a Vienna orchestral concert, hearing a live performance by professional musicians in a historic setting. Also, visit the Vienna Stadtpark, home to many famous musical monuments, including the golden statue of Johann Strauss. Students will also have free time in central Vienna to explore musical and historical landmarks and to purchase souvenirs. These activities will provide invaluable cultural and musical enrichment to support GCSE Music studies.

School trips are such a good opportunity to light a flame and inspire intellect. In order for these experiences to run smoothly and safely, we must have the utmost confidence in the exemplary behaviour of all participating students. The school therefore reserves the right to decline a student's place on a trip, or to withdraw a place already offered, if behaviour or attitude gives cause for concern or is deemed likely to place the success or safety of the trip at risk.



If you wish your son or daughter to take part in this trip a **non-refundable** deposit of **£100 is required by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 9.00am** to be paid online using the School Gateway website.

Please be aware that if you are registered for free school meals there is funding available of 10% towards the cost of this trip (£110.00). Please note the discount will be applied to the last instalments on School Gateway.

Ten further payments will need to be made online using the School Gateway website and will need to be received as follows:

- **£100 by Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 (non-refundable deposit)**
- **£100 by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026**
- **£100 by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2026**

You may pay more than the required amount each month if you prefer and therefore complete payment earlier or pay the full amount at any time. Please ensure that the payment dates are strictly adhered to.

**Please ensure that your son/daughter has their own passport which must have at least three months remaining following the month of return and an in-date EHIC card or GHIC card.** Students **must** have a passport for the trip, Identity cards will **not** be accepted.

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

Thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr E Felkers  
Head of Music



How to make payment:

Log on to: School Gateway

Select: Make a payment

Select: **Vienna 2027**

Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the payment.

We will gain the following information for your child from School Gateway:

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NAMES**
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS**
- **MEDICAL/DIETARY** information (if applicable)

**No further information or comment is required.**

**It is important that we have this information for the trip leader in case of an emergency and for Health & Safety reasons.**

