

November 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Royal Albert Hall concert with Berkshire Maestros Monday 11th March 2019

On Monday 11th March, The Holt School Choir will be performing as part of a massed choir in Berkshire Maestros' 'Music leads the way' gala concert at the Royal Albert Hall. We are inviting your daughter to take part in this exciting event.

The massed choir will involve schools from all across Berkshire and we will be performing movements from John Rutter's 'Feel the Spirit'. It will be a very special occasion and a unique opportunity to perform in the Royal Albert Hall.

We will arrange a selection of additional rehearsals in school for those going on the trip to cover the music we are performing. In addition to the rehearsals in school there will be evening rehearsals with other schools from the area which your daughter would need to attend:

Tuesday 29th January 6.15-8.15pm at Ranelagh School

Tuesday 26th February 6.15– 8.15pm at Luckley House School

Saturday 9th March (timings TBC) at Loddon Valley Leisure Centre.

On the day of the concert we will go up to London by coach and will rehearse during the day. The coach will leave The Holt School at 7.30am and return at approximately 10.00pm. Your daughter will need to bring a packed lunch and tea to eat in the breaks between rehearsals.

Dress code for the concert is smart black. There will be an opportunity to change before the concert so students can come to the rehearsal in their own clothes.

Please respond confirming whether your daughter can attend the concert on Monday 11th March, and the rehearsals prior to it, by **Friday 30th November**. Priority will be given to members of the senior choir and a ballot will be held for any remaining places for members of the junior choir. The cost of the trip will be £23.00 to cover the cost of coach travel to and from the venue.

Please could you complete the consent survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/RoyAlbHallMar19> for your daughter to attend this event.

Yours sincerely



Mr Andrew Gray
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