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Dear Parent/ Carer

The music department is organising a trip for the A Level students to the Grand Theatre in Leeds on 28th February 2019 to watch a music and dance combination of Stravinsky's "The Rite of Spring" and Puccini's "Gianni Schicchi" performed by the Orchestra of Opera North in collaboration with Phoenix Dance Theatre. This production has received fantastic reviews and it will be a great opportunity for the students to hear and see a high quality performance in a world class venue.

I will be accompanying the students, along with another member of staff. We will travel by coach to Leeds, leaving Tapton at 4pm. I anticipate arrival at back at Tapton will be approximately 10.45pm, but will ask students to text you when we are nearing Sheffield. **Student will need to be collected from school when they arrive back.** There may be the opportunity to purchase snacks at the venue, but you may prefer to provide your child with a packed tea.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £50.50 to cover the cost of this visit. If we do not receive enough voluntary contributions the visit may not go ahead and we will advise students at the earliest opportunity. Payment will need to be made through ParentPay or barcode letter if requested. If your child would be unable to attend due to financial hardship please contact school to see what help would be available.

School trips can really enrich and expand a student's educational experience. We therefore operate a hardship policy at Tapton in order to provide opportunities to students whose families are experiencing genuine and unavoidable financial difficulty. We would like to offer parents the opportunity to contribute to this fund, making it clear that this is entirely voluntary and there is no obligation on you to make a contribution. However if you wish to, you can do so using ParentPay, selecting the payment item 'Hardship' and entering the donation value. The funds will only be used to support students experiencing financial hardship and the senior leadership team will decide how the funds will be spent using their discretion and professional judgement.

Our school rules and our expectations are very clear. Our students need to demonstrate that they are following school rules and that they are meeting our expectations in order for them to be included on school trips. If a student's behaviour necessitates a teacher to use our 'On Call' system to their lessons on two or more occasions or if poor behaviour choices mean that a student accrues two or more 'Pink Slips' from the date of this letter to the date of the trip, they will not be allowed to attend the trip and any money paid will be refunded.

Please complete the attached reply slip and return it to the Music department by 15th January 2019.

Yours faithfully

Emma Soulsby
Subject Leader for Music



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REPLY SLIP

Please return to the Music Dept. by 15th January 2019

Music – Trip to Leeds Grand Theatre- 28th February 2019

Student's name: Form:

Parent/Carer emergency contact number during visit:

Student mobile number if applicable:

I give permission for my child to attend the above visit and have made the payment of £50.50 through ParentPay on..... (Date)

I require a barcode letter

I confirm that I will arrange for my child to be collected from school at approximately 10.45pm

I **give/do not give*** permission for my child to receive emergency first aid/medical care by a doctor or hospital in the event of an accident.

If there is any medical information about your child which you feel we should know, eg allergies, medication needs, etc, please specify below or request a confidential medical form to complete.

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I **give/ do not give** consent for the sharing of minimal data required to ensure the safe and smooth running of off-site visits and activities

Signed: (Parent/Carer) Date:
(*delete as appropriate)



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