



6 May 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to share information about an exciting residential trip planned for our Sixth Form musicians in February 2027.

We are organising a weekend Music residency at **Britten Pears Arts, Snape Maltings**, designed to give students dedicated time and space to be creative, collaborate, learn from one another, and participate in high-quality music-making. The musical focus of the trip will be shaped around the students who sign up, with repertoire and masterclasses tailored to their interests and specialisms. Britten Pears Arts is famed for its fantastic facilities, set in bucolic countryside. Pictures of the venue can be found on the following page.

In order to keep costs as low as possible, the school would subsidise—our primary base for the weekend—as well as use of the Kiln studio and all masterclasses. Students will be asked to cover **accommodation, food, and travel**.

Dates: Friday 12 February (afternoon) – Sunday 14 February 2026

Location: Snape Maltings Concert Hall, Snape Bridge, Snape, IP17 1SP

Outline Itinerary

Friday PM – Arrival and check-in at Elizabeth Court, Aldeburgh; evening rehearsal/possible attendance of concert

Saturday AM – Breakfast, rehearsals, and masterclasses

Saturday PM – Beach walk (weather permitting), composition masterclass, further rehearsals, and dinner

Sunday AM – Final rehearsals and a lunchtime concert open to parents and families

Sunday PM – Return travel to London

Cost and ParentPay Details

Total cost: £300

Deposit: £150 to be paid by 18th May.

Final payment: £150 to be paid by Monday 14th September.

Travel Arrangements

Students will travel by train from London to Suffolk. A coach will be hired for transport between Aldeburgh and Snape Maltings throughout the weekend.

Signing up

If your daughter would like to be considered for this trip, please register your interest by following the instructions in this message by Friday 11th May. After this date, a confirmation will be sent to confirm your daughter's place and ParentPay will be opened. Please note that a minimum of around 15 students will be needed to make this trip viable. An initial non-refundable payment of £150 will be due by Friday 18th May to secure her place. **Please note that all payments are non-refundable.**

Details of the GDST Travel Insurance cover can be found on Firefly [here](#). For your information, a three-year plan of Wimbledon High School senior residential trips can be found on Firefly [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Britten Pears Concert Hall – where we would hope to see a concert, if available, on the Friday/Saturday evening.



Britten Studio – which we would have exclusive hire of for the weekend's music



Set in the beautiful Suffolk countryside – this retreat would be a space for sixth formers to spend time together creatively, enjoy working on great music with professionals and get some fresh air on the beach!

