

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021



# Bishop Laney Sixth Form

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am hoping to run a trip to Ely Cathedral next Saturday evening (2<sup>nd</sup> October 2021) with the A-Level Music students to watch a performance by Prime Brass, who are one of the leading brass ensembles in the region. Please see the following link: <https://www.elycathedral.org/events/brass-organ-spectacular-with-prime-brass>

As part of the A-Level Music course, it is vital that we attend 'live' music concerts to be able to critically assess professional musicians and their performance (and equally to learn *how* to perform to a professional standard in preparation for the Yr 13 performance recital). This particular concert has been chosen as over the next few months, the A-Level Music students will be exploring in detail the instruments of the orchestra and how to write/score music for these instruments through a composition task. This first-hand knowledge of the size, sound and perceived difficulties performing these instruments will be vital to the students' success in this task.

## Further Details

- Students will meet Mr Newsome outside the front of Ely Cathedral at approximately 7.10pm.
- Students will, of course, be wearing their own clothing to this event - while there is no dress code, I would advise smart/casual attire.
- Seating is unallocated in the venue, but there should be no issues with us sitting together. Toilets are accessible in the venue.
- I have managed to arrange for free tickets for the A-Level Music students so there is no charge for this event.
- At the end of the performance (which I anticipate to be around 9pm), students will be able to walk home.

If your son/daughter is unwell prior to the trip, and displays any of the COVID symptoms, please can I request that they do not attend the trip and that a message is sent to me directly via email: [jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk)

In addition, please can your son/daughter wear a face mask for the duration of the event at Ely Cathedral as part of our COVID risk mitigation strategy for trips outside of the school site.

Please can you confirm via email: [jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:jnewsome@elycollege.co.uk) that you are happy for your son/daughter to take part in this trip by providing the following information by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11am**:

- Written consent for the arrangements above
- A contact number for yourself should Mr Newsome need to get in touch with you directly on the evening
- If your son/daughter has a mobile phone, and you are happy to share their number with Mr Newsome in case of emergency, please can you also provide this.

I look forward to hearing from you with regard to the above opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Mr J Newsome  
Subject Lead Music

