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Urmston Grammar School

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you of a planned trip for GCSE Music students to the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester on Friday 16th October 2026, where the Halle orchestra are performing 'The Orchestra Through the Ages' concert.

'The Orchestra Through the Ages' takes pupils on a musical guided tour of music from the Renaissance to the 21st Century. Featuring a number of orchestral pieces from the AQA, OCR, WJEC and Edexcel Syllabi for GCSE and A-Level Music, the concert demonstrates the development of the symphony orchestra with a brief history and musical analysis of some key pieces. This is a significant opportunity for those studying GCSE Music and will be invaluable in the examination preparations.

The cost of the trip will be £25, to include the cost of a performance ticket and return transport via coach. On Friday 16th October, students will attend lessons as normal and will be out of lessons from period 4 onwards. Students must bring a packed lunch to school (a packed lunch will be provided for those in receipt of FSM). We will return to school at the Moorside Road entrance at approximately 16:00. Students are to wear their school uniform.

To secure your child's place on this trip, **please make a singular payment of £25 via Parent Pay by 12 noon on Thursday 17th September** to cover the cost of ticket and transport to and from the venue. A copy of the school payment agreement can be found here Trip Payment Agreement.

Kind Regards

Mr A HARRISON
Head of Music