

6 January 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Hertfordshire Schools' Gala at the Royal Albert Hall - Sunday 23 March 2025

We are delighted that members of our Senior Choir have been offered the opportunity to perform at the Hertfordshire Schools' Gala, which will be held at the Royal Albert Hall on **Sunday 23 March 2025** at 1.45pm. The event is a celebration of music making by students from Hertfordshire schools and Hertfordshire Music Service. This is a wonderful opportunity for our singers to perform as part of a massed choir at a high standard with orchestral accompaniment in an iconic venue. Please see the [organiser's website](#) for more information about the event.

The event will be accompanied by Hertfordshire Schools Symphony Orchestra (HSSO), so students who are members of Senior Choir and also in HSSO should not apply to be part of the school choir at this event.

Prior to the Event

We will be preparing for this event in our regular Monday rehearsals at school. Additionally, we have been invited to attend a rehearsal with singers from other schools on **Saturday 15 March**, from 9.00am to 1.00pm, in the Weston Auditorium at the University of Hertfordshire, De Havilland Campus, Mosquito Way, Hatfield AL10 9EU. This will be an invaluable opportunity for our singers to work with the conductor of the Gala and to build confidence in the music we will be performing. Parents/carers will be responsible for transport to and from this event.

On the Day of the Event

Timings for Sunday 23 March will be as follows:

8.15am	Depart from the turning circle by coach
9.30am	Arrive at Royal Albert Hall to rehearse
1.45pm – 3.00pm	Performance
5.00pm	Arrive back at school by coach

Participants must wear a plain, brightly coloured t-shirt, black (or dark) skirt or trousers, dark socks and dark shoes. Please do not wear white socks or trainers. Participants should come dressed in their concert clothes.

Students should bring all the food and drink that they will need, as there will not be an opportunity to purchase refreshments. Please keep to a minimum, as students will need to store everything under their seats on stage.

If parents/carers would like to attend this event, tickets are available for purchase from the Royal Albert Hall Box Office: <https://www.royalalberthall.com/> or telephone 020 7589 8212. Ticket prices range from £15 - £42.50 and will be on sale from 10.00am on Monday 13 January. **Please note that tickets sell quickly** and you will need to ensure that you book for the 1.45pm performance.

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How to Sign Up

If your child would like to take part in this event, please:

1. Make a payment of **£35.00** via WisePay (under Trips and Visits), which will cover the event participation fee and the cost of travel by coach to/from the venue. **Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.**
2. Complete and submit the [Parental Consent Form](#) by **Monday 13 January 2025**.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jonathan Tyack". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Dr Jonathan Tyack
Second i/c Music