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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to getting started on the new A Level Music course this year and I hope you don't mind me writing to give you some important dates and other information.

Over the two years we will be studying four works in particular detail and the students will be provided with blank scores in the exam. In the meantime, they need copies of these pieces that they can annotate them and it is very important it is the same edition as the one they will use in the exam or it will be very confusing. We therefore ask that all students buy these scores from us – you can buy them yourself if you wish but we can generally get a better price overall. The cost of the scores will be **£42.00** and needs to be paid to registry by **Friday 15th of September**. If the cost of this really is a problem, please contact me and I will do my best to help. I would also recommend the Rhinegold ***Eduqas AS and A Level Music Study Guide*** available on Amazon for £19.95. I do not insist that students buy this book (although as one of the authors it is tempting!) but it is very useful to have all this information collected together in one volume.

It is really important that students have regular (i.e. weekly) lessons on their main instrument or voice (performance can account for more than a third of the marks). We are happy for students to continue with their current teacher, but we do offer tuition here for the very heavily discounted rate of £50 per year. Please contact me if you want further details.

It would be great if you could support our various concerts over the year, the dates of which you will find on the back of this letter. Please make sure these dates go in your diary so that you do not commit to other things – attendance at the concerts in bold is compulsory for all music students.

Finally, we try to take students to a variety of concerts throughout the year – we have given forms out already and will do so again during the course of the year. There are four at the CBSO and also a trip to see a musical in London (yet to be arranged). As we are studying musicals as part of the course, it is important that students attend this trip if at all possible – I gave students a form during induction in July and we need payment for all these trips as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting you at the various events across the year.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Tom Pankhurst (tom.pankhurst@kedst.ac.uk)



Concerts in 2017/18

Wednesday 22 nd November	Autumn Concert at 7.30 in Main Hall
Tuesday 12 th December	Carol Concert at 7.30 in St Mary's Church
w/c 12 th February	Concert of Solo Year 13 Recital Music in St Saviour's Church
Wednesday 7 th March	Concert at 7.30 in Kidderminster Town Hall
Saturday 13 th March	Evensong in Birmingham Cathedral (Chamber Choir only)
Thursday 17 th May	College Concert at 7.30 in Main Hall

Concert trips

Wednesday 8th Nov. 7.30 - CBSO in Birmingham
Wednesday 24th Jan. 7.30 - CBSO in Birmingham
Wednesday 28th Feb 2.15 - CBSO in Birmingham
Saturday 17th March 7.00 - CBSO in Birmingham

Trip to the theatre to be confirmed