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23rd November 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

The Music Department are organising a trip for year 8 to hear the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. Your son will be learning about the orchestra over the next term and this would be a perfect opportunity for him to develop his understanding and appreciation of live orchestral music. This concert will be tailored for students within Key Stage 3 and will take place during the school day on Thursday 17th March 2016 at 10.30am.

The concert explores the influences of folk music on the world of classical music, including English, Argentinian, Hungarian and American folk traditions. More information about this event can be found on the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall website (www.liverpoolphil.com).

I should be grateful if you would make a voluntary contribution for the trip of £5.00. If you would like your son to attend this trip, please return the reply slip below, together with the appropriate cash or cheque (made payable to **St Margaret's C E Academy**) in a named, sealed envelope in order that I can secure places. This must be returned to the school office by Friday 28th November 2015.

Please note however, should voluntary contributions not cover the cost of the trip, we regret it may have to be cancelled and in order to book seats, monies will be paid in advance to the Philharmonic Hall and bus company and therefore, it will not be possible to issue any refunds.

In line with a recent change to our Charging Policy, students for whom we receive Pupil Premium funding (eg those entitled or previously entitled to Free School Meals) will not be required to make a voluntary contribution for trips which cost under £100.00. Should the total cost of the trip be in excess of £100.00, St Margaret's will fund the first £100.00 for such pupils.

Parents or carers experiencing financial difficulties can contact me, in confidence, to discuss the matter.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Smith
Head of Music

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REPLY SLIP – PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL OFFICE WITH PAYMENT BY FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Name: _____ Form: _____

I do/do not give permission for my son to attend the Liverpool Philharmonic concert on 17th March 2016

I enclose the non-refundable cost of £5.00)*/I do not wish to make a voluntary contribution* (*please delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____(parent/carers) Date: _____