

9 October 2025

Dear families,

Re: Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra Concert – Trip to Uffculme School

As part of the GCSE Music curriculum we have arranged for your child to attend a free concert at Uffculme School on Friday 7th November. The concert celebrates live classical music from Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and is a fantastic opportunity to further inspire students in their musical studies. The event is run by the Devon Music Education Hub in partnership with local schools and has had glowing reviews from students and staff in the last few years. Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform all over the country and have had hundreds of recent successful concerts.

The development of instruments and tastes is used as a narrative hook, allowing students to understand why styles vary from genre to genre, from harpsichord in Bach to musical theatre. The event also includes access to a private online page featuring digital learning resources available until the end of the academic year to support study.

Programme

The programme will include **some** of the pieces below from various GCSE syllabi:

- Purcell: Music for a While | Edexcel A J.S. Bach: Brandenburg 5 (movement iii)
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- J.S. Bach: Orchestral Suite final mvt, no. 2 in B minor, BWV 1067
- Beethoven: Symphony No. 1, first mvt (one of our set GCSE works)
- Bartok: Hungarian Pictures, mvts 1, 2, 4 or 5
- Kodaly: Intermezzo
- Esperanza Spalding: Samba em Preludio
- Steve Reich: Clapping Music
- Schwartz: Defying Gravity
- Little Orpheus Video Game Music
- Will Goodchild Land of Plenty

The concert tickets for this event are fully-subsidised by Devon Music Education Hubs and it is hosted by Uffculme School.

This concert is from 1pm, and students will leave school at **12:20am**. They will meet in the Music department in full school uniform. The expected duration of the performance and talks is around an hour and a half (1pm-2:30pm). We intend to return by **3pm** at the latest and expect students to be able to catch their normal school transport at the end of the day.

Students are in a position of trust and will need to behave appropriately at all times on the trip and, in particular, follow the Health and Safety rules provided to them by the Tiverton High School staff and Uffculme School staff alike. **Students will need to bring a packed lunch** – if they receive free school meals, please let myself know in advance in order to organise this with the school.

Work hard. Be kind. Belong.



I am really keen for every single member of our class to benefit from this subsidised opportunity to improve their understanding for the listening and appraising area of the course. The exam for this will take place in June of their Year 11. Please **fill in and return the SOE3 form** as confirmation of your child's attendance as soon as possible, at the latest **Friday the 17th October**. Without a form completed in full your child will not be able to attend.

Yours sincerely,

Joel Cordon
Head of Performing Arts