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Dear Parents,

We have been given an amazing opportunity to take a few children to The Olympic Concert featuring the Hallé Orchestra at the Victoria Hall on Wednesday 3rd July 2024.

The Hallé Orchestra is a longstanding professional orchestra based in Manchester. They have carefully created a varied programme intended to inspire the children, including the Overture from William Tell and theme music from the film The Incredibles. There will also be some songs to join in with. The concert has been arranged by the Character and Arts Foundation, part of the City Learning Trust in Stoke-on-Trent. The tickets are free and we will travel by school minibus, leaving school about 9.45am and returning in time for lunch at about 12.15pm. Mrs Amison and another member of staff will be accompanying the children.

Those who have shown interest in and commitment to school orchestra are being chosen to attend. This is as a reward for their commitment to practising and making progress. We hope that they will be inspired to continue playing by attending the concert.

For your information, the route to playing in a professional orchestra would usually require A Level Music, Grade 8 practical skills leading on to a music degree with a strong emphasis on performance, often from a music college such as the RNCM in Manchester, our nearest music college. Students from the college can apply for trials with the orchestra soon after graduating. The RNCM operate a weekend junior programme for school students once they reach grade 5. All our children who have started an instrument can also participate in occasional free weekend workshop sessions for beginners and intermediate players. More details are available at [RNCM Young Projects](#). These are fantastic programmes which give a real insight into studying at Music College.

Please give your permission for your child to attend the Hallé Concert on your child's Scopay account.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Amison

Music Teacher

