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WPT SENIORS: ROYAL ALBERT HALL BRIGHTER SOUNDS 2025 MONDAY 31 MARCH 2025

Dear WPT SENIORS,

I am writing with important information about the WPT Seniors performance at the **ROYAL ALBERT HALL** on 31 March 2025!

A reminder that all dates and key information for WPO can be found here: www.wandsworthmusic.co.uk/wpt

ACTION

Please read the following information carefully and complete the online form by Monday 6 January.

Online form: <https://forms.office.com/e/vkbDrvqVQb>

RAH Rehearsal and Concert Information

Date: Monday 31 March 2025

Venue: The Royal Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, South Kensington, London, SW7 2AP

Arrival time for rehearsal: 9:45am

Collection time after rehearsal: The rehearsal will end at approximately 12pm.

All WPT members must be collected from DOOR 1 at 12.15pm unless you are in another performing group e.g. the Wandsworth Philharmonic Orchestra, Wandsworth Jazz Orchestra or as part of a school group). Pupils in Year 11+ will be allowed to leave the RAH unaccompanied if parental permission is provided.

Arrival time back at RAH for concert: 5.45pm

All WPT members must return to the Royal Albert Hall DOOR 1 at 5.45pm.

End of Concert:

The concert is scheduled to finish at approximately 9.45pm. Each group will be allocated a collection point for parents at the end of the evening. This will be communicated closer to the event.

What to bring:

Please bring as little as possible and do not bring any valuables!

- Refillable water bottle

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- Packed tea/ snacks for the day
- Book or quiet activity
- Please do not bring anything containing nuts, glass bottles.

Concert dress

Pupils will need to provide their own costumes for the performance. Please see the costume section of this letter below. There is minimal dressing room space at the RAH and we request that performers arrive in concert dress where possible.

Performing in another item?

If your child is performing with another group at the RAH concert (e.g. Wandsworth Jazz Orchestras, Wandsworth Philharmonic Orchestra, or as part of a school group) then please indicate this on the form so that appropriate arrangements can be made during the day. You will receive a separate letter if your child is part of another group in the concert.

School permission for absence

It is a requirement of our child performance license that parents send us a copy of the permission letter (or email) granting their child leave of absence from school. The permission letter must confirm that absence code C1 will be used. **It is vitally important that the school confirms they have used the correct authorised absence code.**

Please note that you **do not need** to send us a letter if your child is in school year 12 or 13, or if they attend a private or academy school.

Please use our template letter which can be downloaded from:

<https://wandsworthmusic.co.uk/music-academy/ensemblememberspage/>

If there is a specific issue with gaining permission from your school then please let us know and we will contact schools directly.

Permission letters should be emailed to jkilshaw@wandsworthmusic.co.uk by Friday 18 January at the latest

Ticket information

Tickets for the RAH are now on sale. For more information on how to purchase tickets please visit:

<https://wandsworthmusic.co.uk/rah25/>

Many of the box and stalls seats at the RAH are privately owned by companies or individuals (These are called Debenture seats). The owners of these seats can choose to return their tickets back to the RAH box office or they can donate them to Wandsworth Music to sell directly. We are hopeful that a large proportion of these seats will be donated to us to sell directly. *These tickets are not subject to RAH box office fees and therefore 100% of the ticket price goes towards supporting the costs of the event.*

Please note that we have no control over when these tickets may be returned and availability is subject to change daily. These tickets could be returned to us at any point between now and the 31 March 2025.

If you can't find the seats that you want for the concert on the RAH website, particularly the boxes or stalls, then please email info@wandsworthmusic.co.uk or call our office on 0208 333 3899 to see what tickets we have available here.

Costumes for the Royal Albert Hall

As we start thinking about costumes, I wanted to provide some guidelines to help you put together your own outfit for the show. While we will provide some elements, we ask that you bring the basics.

Natalie and James will confirm whether you are a Shark or a Jet in January. Please speak with your teachers if you are unsure. Here's what each group will need:

For the Jets:

- **Boys:**
 - Slim-cut jeans or dark trousers (preferably in grey, black, or blue).
 - Plain or plaid short-sleeved shirts (in neutral tones like grey, blue, or white).
 - Sneakers or boots (in black or grey).
 - Optional: A leather or denim jacket (if available).
- **Girls:**
 - Simple skirts or dresses (neutral or muted tones).
 - Flat shoes or boots (black or grey).
 - Hair should be pulled back into simple ponytails or buns.

For the Sharks:

- **Boys:**
 - Dark trousers or fitted jeans (in black, deep blue, or dark brown).
 - Bold, colourful shirts (red, purple, or bright blue).
 - Black or brown shoes or boots.
 - Optional: Fedoras or other accessories that reflect a sharp, stylish look.
- **Girls:**
 - Flowing dresses or skirts (in bright, rich colours like red, pink, or purple).
 - Low-heeled shoes (black or colourful to match the outfit).
 - Hair can be styled with volume or waves.

We want everyone to feel comfortable and confident in their costumes, so please do not worry if you can't find the exact items listed. Just aim for something close to the styles and colours described. If you need assistance sourcing any pieces, feel free to reach out, and we'll do our best to help!

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We can't wait to see everyone on stage looking fantastic!



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