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Dear Clarinet Choir members and families,

## Visit to Brasenose College, Oxford – Friday 29th May

Here are the details for our trip to **Brasenose College, Oxford**.

### Arrival

Please arrive at NMPAT by **8.45am**; we will congregate in the waiting room.

### Travel

We will be travelling by coach, which is due to pick us up at **9.00am**. NMPAT has organised funding to cover the majority of the travel costs via the Friends of NMPAT and Brasenose College; however, we are asking for a **£10 donation** from Clarinet Choir players to help with the remaining costs.

Please go to your **ParentPay** login and click on the 'donation' link to make your £10 payment.

### What to bring

Please bring your **instrument** and **spare reeds**, all of your **music**, and **concert dress**, as well as food and drink for the day. There will also be opportunities to purchase food and drink in Oxford.

### Concert dress

Concert dress will be standard **all black**; there will be the chance to change before the performance.

### Staffing and free time

I will be joined on the trip by **Nicola Maddock, Director of School Based Teaching**. We will spend most of the day together; however, if there are opportunities for short periods of free time (for example, at the Ashmolean Museum if we visit, or if we head to the Covered Market to buy lunch), **students will need to remain in groups of at least three**. Miss Maddock and I will remain available at a designated congregation point and will set clear meeting times with everyone.

### Concert

The concert begins at **6.00pm** and is open to the public, so parents are very welcome to travel to Oxford and attend. There is a good Park and Ride service in Oxford which drops you in the city centre, from where you can walk to **Brasenose College, Radcliffe Square, OX1 4AJ**. On arrival, there is a buzzer allowing you to speak to the porters and let them know you are attending the concert.

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**If you are planning to attend the concert and then wish to take your child home independently, please contact me directly in advance so that I am aware and we can ensure collection takes place from Radcliffe Square at the college after the performance.**

### **Return**

We estimate that we will be on the road by **7.30pm**, with a projected arrival time back at NMPAT of **8.45pm**. We will ask Clarinet Choir players to message once we have left Oxford with a more accurate ETA.

This promises to be a lovely day, and I am really looking forward to spending it with the Clarinet Choir. Below is a rough itinerary for the day so that you can see what we are planning. If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch and I will do my best to help.

Yours sincerely,

**Andy Kirkwood**

**Head of Woodwind**

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## **Itinerary**

**8.45am** Arrive at NMPAT and head to the waiting room

**9.00am** Load coach and depart

**10.30am** Estimated arrival in Oxford

Coach to park outside the college in Radcliffe Square

Clarinet Choir to unload equipment to the medieval kitchen (store room for the day)

**11.00am** Free time

Hopefully a tour of Brasenose College

Walk as a group into Oxford to find a spot for lunch

Ashmolean Museum visit (if time allows)

**2.30pm** Return to Brasenose for rehearsals alongside Brasenose students

**5.00pm** Group photo outside Brasenose College

Change into concert dress

**6.00pm** Concert begins

**7.00pm** Concert ends

**7.15pm** Load coach and depart for Northampton

**8.45pm** Estimated arrival back at NMPAT