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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: KS3 SECONDARY VOICE PERFORMANCE AT THE JUNIOR MUSIC FESTIVAL
WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 2026

The Royal Ballet and Opera, in partnership with Thurrock Music Services, recently delivered a workshop for students participating in the Create and Sing project. The workshop took place on Friday 22 May 2026, from 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm in Music Room 234 at The Gateway Academy.

I am delighted to share that the workshop was a fantastic experience and all participating students thoroughly enjoyed taking part. Throughout the project, students have had the valuable opportunity to work with a guest artist from the Royal Ballet and Opera, an experience that has been both inspiring and rewarding.

As a result of their commitment and progress, the singers have been invited to perform in a Guest Artist slot at the annual Junior Music Festival on Wednesday 15 July 2026.

The Junior Music Festival takes place over three evenings—Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July 2026—at the Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays, RM16 2JU. The Gateway Academy has been allocated a performance slot on **Wednesday 15 July** and students only need to attend the festival on this day.

To prepare for the festival, students will be required to attend a series of after-school rehearsals on Thursdays from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm. Attendance at these rehearsals is essential to ensure students are fully prepared and able to perform to the highest standard. Please note that alternative arrangements will need to be made for your child's journey home from the Academy on these rehearsal days.

On the evening of the performance, students should arrive at the Civic Hall in full school uniform, accompanied by their vocal teacher between 5:45 pm and 6:00 pm for a final rehearsal with the Royal Ballet and Opera artists. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm and is expected to finish at approximately 9:00 pm.

I am confident you will agree that this is a fantastic opportunity for your child. To confirm their participation in these lessons, please could I ask that you complete the Google Form herewith:

<https://forms.gle/uT13eWnRrHZEtniX8>. Please note, you do not need a Google account to fill in the form, although you may need to copy and paste the link into Google Chrome.

Kindly ensure the Google Form is completed and submitted **as soon as possible**. Students without a completed consent form will be unable to participate in these rehearsals or the Junior Music Festival itself. Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to contact me on 01375 489000 or via email at jenny.hill@theglc.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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