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Dear Parents/Carers,

The orchestra children have been given an exciting opportunity to watch the Open University Symphony Orchestra perform in an open rehearsal. This forms part of the OU 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations being held this year. They will be hosting this event with internationally renowned percussionist Dame Evelyn Glennie and the OU Orchestra. This is a unique opportunity for the children to hear instruments and music not commonly performed with a truly world class instrumentalist for free. This will enrich their music education both in the school orchestra and their instrumental lessons.

If your child plays with our orchestra on Wednesday practise sessions and wishes to attend this exciting event, please complete and submit your booking form which can be found on our website. Please log in to [www.highashschool.co.uk](http://www.highashschool.co.uk), select the 'Parents' tab followed by 'Booking School Events' then select the event, complete and submit the booking form by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

We only have 20 seats secured for the children. Therefore, places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.

The children will be transported by coach, the cost of which will be covered by school.

The open rehearsal will take place on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** from 2.00-3.00pm. The children will be travelling by coach leaving the school at 1.15pm. The children will eat their lunch before leaving. The rehearsals are expected to finish at 3.00pm after which the children will return to school for parents to collect. Therefore, we may be back a little after 3.20pm.

Given the event is part of the Open University's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, they would like to be able to take photographs of schools in attendance to share with the local press. Please confirm if you are happy for your child to be included in a photograph on the form you will be submitting via our website.

Many thanks for your support in advance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Rachel Gray  
Music Co-ordinator

