



07 January 2026

Dear Musicians and Families

Federation Music Day at Oathall Community College - Tuesday 20 January 2026

Following the success of last year's inaugural Federation Music Event, I am delighted to be able to share details of, and invite your child to perform at, this year's follow up, which again will be held at Oathall Community College on Tuesday 20 January 2026. The aim of the project is to enrich and broaden the musical experience of our musicians by providing them with an opportunity to play in a symphonic setting under the direction of expert musicians in a positive, inclusive and social environment.

The event is being organised collectively by music teachers from our federation partner schools - Oathall, Downlands, Imberhorne and Sackville who, between them will direct the pieces and coach the string, brass, woodwind, percussion, guitar, bass and keyboard sections and lead the choir to maximise students' learning and progression. In addition, students will have the opportunity to be coached by the professional musicians from Ensemble Reza and The Rebetiko Carnival. Included in the day is a program for more experienced players and singers. Participating schools have been asked to identify these students ahead of the day, as they will be given opportunities to lead their sections or have a go at conducting the ensembles during rehearsal!

We will aim to distribute music to instrumentalists in advance of the event. Practice ahead of time will benefit students hugely, although the music is planned to be comfortably "learnable" on the day. We will rehearse throughout the day and then perform together at the end of the day.

We ask students to register in E block when they arrive to school, where we aim to make a prompt departure in order to arrive for a 9.30am start. The event is scheduled to finish at 2.40pm, so we anticipate arriving back to school by 3.30pm - If your child usually takes a school bus we kindly ask that you make alternative arrangements for this day.

Students should wear a smart school uniform, bring a packed lunch, drinks and snacks, along with their instruments and music/lyrics sheets. **No peanut or nut related products are allowed to be taken on any school visit.** Insurance for all school trips is arranged through West Sussex County Council. Full details of the policy can be found on [here](#).

A recording will be made and shared with parents so that you are able to hear the music created by our musicians. If you have any questions please email me – awebb@sackvilleschool.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr Alastair Webb
Curriculum Team Leader Music



The schedule for the day is below. Please complete this [Google Form](#) to give permission for your child to attend by Monday 05 January 2026.

Plan for the day:

9.15 - 9.30am	Arrive	All teachers to register students, copy to office, delivery of safety and comfort information
9.30 - 10.50am	Welcome, Rebetiko Workshop	Hall
10.50 - 11.10am	Break	Hall or garden outside hall
11.10 - 11.30am	Complete Rebetiko Songs	Hall
11.30am - 12.20pm	Rehearse Swinging with the Saints	Hall
12.20 – 12.50pm	Rehearse How to Train Your Dragon	Hall
12.50 – 1.20pm	Rehearse I’m A Believer	Hall
1.20 – 1.40pm	Lunch Break	Hall or garden outside hall
1.40 – 2.10pm	Final rehearsal	Hall
2.10 – 2.15pm	Quick Break	Hall or garden outside hall
2.15 – 2.40pm	Performance	Hall
2.40pm	Farewells	From side of hall, students signed out by teachers