



5 May 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

Garsington Opera Workshop and Performance

Your child has expressed an interest in participating in an upcoming collaborative project to be run by [Garsington Opera](#). The project comprises an all-day workshop at Icknield on **Monday 16 May**, followed by the chance to watch a fully staged performance of Mozart's opera *Così fan tutte* at the Wormsley Estate after school on **Tuesday 12 July**.

The workshop on 16 May – which will take place during the school day – will focus on singing, drama and movement, and will involve students in the creation of their own operatic scenes. Students from Years 7 to 10 will work with a composer, a director and a singer, each of whom is professionally active in the field. Past workshops have been extremely inspiring for our students, so we have high hopes for this year's offering.

The visit to the [Wormsley Estate](#) – home of Garsington Opera's pavilion throughout the summer – will leave school at around **4.30pm** on **12 July** and will return to Icknield at around **9.30pm**. Precise timings will be communicated when the run-time of the production has been ascertained. We will travel by minibus, and will make a stop in Stokenchurch on the way home for those students for whom an additional return trip to Watlington would be inconvenient.

Garsington Opera makes a nominal charge of **£5** to cover both parts of the project, which we ask that you pay through ParentMail. Payment can be made on either your computer or through the ParentMail App where you will see Payments as an option in your parent feed. Once in Payments, you will be able to view items "To Pay" or visit the "Shop". If this cost is prohibitive for you, please make a written request to Mrs Gibson, Assistant Headteacher by **Friday 13 May**, as we will be able to help. School uniform is not required for either 16 May or 12 July.

Please complete the online consent form [here](#) by **Friday 13 May** if you are happy for your child to take part. Please do also contact me directly (amy.desybel@icknield.oxon.sch.uk) if you have any questions or concerns.

Best wishes

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