



**St Philip Howard**  
Catholic High School  
Specialist Humanities School

13<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

**BIG CHURCH DAY OUT- MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SUSSEX**

This year, we are planning on taking a group to the Big Church Day Out, an annual Christian Music Festival which takes place in West Sussex each May. Although the event runs all weekend, we will be attending the festival on Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, and will have the opportunity to see many world class Christian artists, including Tim Hughes, Jesus Culture, and Toby Mac.

This is an optional day for students in Year 9 upwards, and numbers are limited by seats in our minibus, which means we can take a total of 15 students. The normal cost for day tickets can be as high as £42 per head for young people aged 16 and under, and £53 for those over 16, but we are able to offer tickets at £14 for students who are under 16 and £20 for those who are 16+. However, we want to enable all students who want to attend to take part, and would not want finance to bar any student from attending, so please get in touch to discuss any subsidy that would be available. We will be gathering at SPH at 9.15am to depart by 9.30am promptly. The event finishes at approximately 10.15pm, and we estimate that we will return to SPH by 11.45pm. (Please note that time is entirely dependent on traffic flow exiting the site, and we will ask your child to contact you in the event of any significant delay).

From my own experience, the event is a fantastic celebration for our faith, and I know many students already attend with their families or church groups. If you would like more information about the event, please visit [www.bigchurchdayout.com](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com) This is an excellent event, and we would recommend it to all our students to attend, regardless of faith background.

On the day students should wear suitable, casual clothing and sensible flat shoes, and come prepared for all weathers. We also recommend that students bring a mobile phone, in case of any delay on our return journey. They will also need:

- A bag/back pack with drinks and a packed lunch and/or dinner (no glass bottles please). There are catering facilities available to purchase food during the day at the event.
- Any spending money, as desired, to cover any food and merchandise wanted.
- A warm waterproof jacket, sun cream and a hat, as weather is hard to guarantee!
- Something to sit on (a folding chair or blanket are ideal, but please be prepared to carry what you bring)
- Inhalers, epipens or any other essential medication for those who need them. **These are essential- if a student does not have the correct medication, we may not be able to take them with us.**

Once we arrive at BCDO, students will be given the freedom to explore the site in groups and visit the different performance areas. The event is staffed by many easily identifiable team members, and they will be given a contact number for staff, so they will be able to find help if necessary at any point during the day.

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Headteacher: David Carter

As the day is limited in numbers, I would encourage students who are interested to speak to me as soon as possible to obtain a consent form and details of how to pay for their tickets, and complete both promptly. Please note, places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please contact me with any questions or queries about the day.

If you have children who are in Years 7 and 8 and would like to take them, or are interested in attending the event as a family group either for the day or camping for the weekend, please do get in touch by email to [clong@sphcs.co.uk](mailto:clong@sphcs.co.uk) and I can send you information about how to access the discounted tickets.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clare Long". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial 'C'.

Clare Long  
School Chaplain