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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been very fortunate to have been offered a number of tickets to see a performance of Mozart’s comic opera, ‘Cosi Fan Tutte’, on Monday the 24th June at Nevill Holt in Leicestershire.

The opera is about two Italian men, Guglielmo and Ferrando, who make a bet with Don Alfonso. The noble man believes that no woman is forever faithful. Guglielmo and Ferrando want to prove that their brides to be (Fiordiligi and Dorabella) are. They disguise as Albanians, while Don Alfonso tells the two sisters that their bridegrooms need to join the military. The false Albanians approach Fiordiligi and Dorabella, and soon make a pass at them. At first, both confirm their love to their bridegrooms. However, after the Albanians threaten to commit suicide if the girls reject them, they soften up (though not enough to even exchange a kiss). Don Alfonso triumphs (Cosi Fan Tutte – every woman does it) and cashes in the bet, while Guglielmo and Fernando re-appear in their original costumes to confront their brides and explain the joke. Both ask for forgiveness.

It is a fantastic opportunity to introduce students to opera in a wonderful new theatre.

The approximate running times are below:

- 11.30am Grounds Open
- 12 noon Opera begins
- 1.30pm Interval
- 2.15pm Opera recommences
- 3.45pm Finish



There is no cost for the opera or transport to and from the theatre, however you will need to pick students up from school at approximately 5pm on Monday 24th June.

Please complete the slip below giving your consent for your son/daughter to attend.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S. Jones

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Name Tutor Group

I give permission for to attend the opera trip and will arrange transport home for him/her on Monday 24th June.

Signed (Parent/Carer)