

17 September 2026

Dear all,

GCSE Music Djembe Drum Workshop – Friday 9th October 2026

Details

We are delighted to offer your child a rare opportunity to attend a Djembe drum workshop at The Nest, Chichester Festival Theatre, on Friday 9th October 2026. This workshop is being offered to current Year 10 GCSE Music pupils, Year 9 pupils who have opted for GCSE Music, and selected Year 8 pupils who have expressed a strong interest in choosing Music in Year 9.

Djembe drums, or African drumming, form an important part of the GCSE Music syllabus. This workshop will provide pupils with a hands-on understanding of the drums, including how they are made and played. The evening also includes an African Night Fever performance by professional djembe group *Musa Mboob*. You can see them in action here: <https://www.musamboob.com/>

This is an evening workshop beginning at 17:00. **Pupils should arrive at Chichester Festival Theatre at 17:40 and be collected at 21:50**, once the event has concluded.

Cost & Payment

If your child would like to take part in this trip, we are asking for a contribution of **£31.00**, which includes all workshop and performance costs and includes an evening meal of pizza.

Payment should be made via the school's ParentPay system, where you can also provide consent for your child to participate. Late requests after ParentPay has closed will not be accepted. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the finance office for an activation letter.

There are limited places. ParentPay will open for first come –first serve at **1800hrs on Wednesday 3rd June 2026**.

If insufficient contributions are received, it is unlikely that the trip will go ahead. Please contact the school if you would like your child to participate but are experiencing difficulty making the contribution. The finance team can be reached at finance@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk.

Items to Bring

Pupils should wear comfortable, appropriate clothing suitable for sitting on the floor and playing drums. Please ensure they bring a filled water bottle.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact me on hdavis@chichesterfreeschool.org.uk

Yours faithfully,

Mrs H Davis
Head of Music