**Student Audiometry Testing – for all SoM students, Musical Theatre Students, PAD and PTM students**

Due to the nature of your programme at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, it is anticipated that you may be at risk of exposure to higher-than-normal sound levels at certain points in your study.

As part of our health surveillance programme, students who fall within these ‘at risk’ groups will be offered free audiometry (hearing) tests throughout their time studying with us.

The tests are carried out on campus by a specialist provider and take around 10 minutes.

The purpose of the testing is to:

• Identify when someone is showing early signs of hearing damage;

• Provide an opportunity to do something to prevent the damage getting worse;

• Check whether control measures are working;

• Allow you to become familiarised with the process of health surveillance and audiometry testing/hearing checks; and

• Provide a baseline of your hearing at the earliest possible opportunity to allow future comparisons to be made and any deterioration to be identified.

**This is an extremely valuable exercise and is made available to you, free of charge, to help protect your hearing and health. Attendance is strongly recommended.**

Please look out for emails in the first weeks of Term with further details, including information on how to sign up for a test.

If you have any questions, in the meantime, please feel free to contact the Health, Safety and Wellbeing department at healthandsafetydepartment@rcs.ac.uk

Thank you.