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Dear Families,

Music Tour to Germany

Saturday 3rd – Tuesday 6th July 2027

I am delighted to announce that the Music Faculty will be running a concert tour to the Moselle Valley in Germany which will involve students from the Jazz Band and Show Choir. The tour has been arranged by Club Europe, a specialist music tour company who will arrange and publicise our concerts.

The cost of the trip will be between **£545-580 depending on student numbers** which includes half-board accommodation, all travel, participating in two concert performances, three nights' accommodation and excursions.

This is spread over three payments:

- A **non-refundable deposit by Wednesday 21st October of £150**
- A first instalment on **Friday 4th December - amount tbc**
- A final payment of on **Friday 16th April - amount tbc**

We have limited places available and this is a popular trip, so if the number of students applying exceeds the trip's capacity, priority will be given to students in Years 12 and above. If your child is not successful in gaining a place they will be placed on a waiting list.

Please note that attendance on the trip relies on students attending the following rehearsal commitments in **full**.

- Weekly rehearsals for Show Choir and /or Jazz Band.
- Termly concerts for the above ensembles.
- An extra after school rehearsal in the week of the trip.

If a student does not meet the commitments as outlined above, their place may be given to another student on the waiting list.

As with all visits, it is important to stress that student participation on this trip is also subject to their good conduct in school and if your child is removed from this trip due to their conduct, any monies paid to date may not be refunded.

If your child would like to be involved in this trip, **please pay the deposit of £150 by 21st October 2026**. Students not successful in gaining a place, will have the deposit refunded and be placed on the waiting list.

Please note that by making your deposit payment you are undertaking to make full payment by the given deadlines. Please also note that our tour operator, Club Europe Group Travel, does not differ from other tour companies with regard to cancellations and cancellation fees will apply. Therefore, should you decide to remove your child from the trip, all payments we have made to the tour operator will not be refunded unless we are able to fill the place with another student.

The school will follow all advice given by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Department for Education and our tour operators when it comes to overseas travel for school trips. The tour operators we use provide both ABTA and ATOL protection as part of our tour packages. In the event that the FCO advises “against all travel” to an area or region, then these policies provide protection to prevent any loss in case of necessary cancellation.

The school holds travel insurance through the Department for Education Risk Protection Arrangement (RPA) which provides cover in case of travel disruption, medical issues and other emergencies. This insurance does not cover any personal items including money, phones, gadgets and clothing in case of loss, damage or theft. Should you decide to remove your child from any trip where travel is still advised then this will not be covered by insurance, ABTA or ATOL.

We will hold a tour meeting in the summer term to discuss all aspects of the trip in more detail. I am sure you will agree that this will be a fantastic performance opportunity for our musicians.

Yours sincerely,

Amy Stothard

Director of Learning: Music

