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Dear Parent/Carer,

Music Tour to Brittany: 2nd – 5th July 2022

I am delighted to announce that the Music Faculty will be running a concert tour to Brittany in France in the summer of 2022. This will involve students from the Jazz Band and Show Choir. The tour has been arranged by a specialist music tour company. They will arrange and publicise our concerts and provide a tour representative that will support the setting up of our three concerts.

The cost of the trip includes travel by coach and ferry or the Euro Tunnel depending on availability and three nights board. The cost is £470 which includes half-board accommodation and all travel. This is spread over three payments: **a non-refundable deposit of £150**, a first instalment of **£160 on 10th January 2022** and a final payment of **£160 on 7th March 2022**.

If your child would like to be involved in this exciting project, please make your deposit payment of £150 via ParentPay by **30th November 2021**.

We only have 50 places available so if the number of students applying exceeds the trip's capacity, names will be drawn at random to allocate places. If your child is not successful in gaining a place then the deposit will be refunded. If there are students on a waiting list we will review this if a member of an ensemble has not been regularly attending rehearsals.

The students will be staying in the lovely town of St Malo and will be performing at a number of venues. Once we have confirmed the students on the trip, the tour company will send out the exact schedule and the concert venues.

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.



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As with all visits, it is important to stress that student participation on this trip is 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.

Health requirements/testing

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 tours 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 keep you updated with any recommended vaccinations and health precautions but please note testing is not included in the cost of the trip and you may incur additional costs should these be a requirement at time of travel and will be the responsibility of parent/carers.

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

Yours sincerely,

Amy Stothard
Director of Learning: Music