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Normandy Music Tour 2019

Saturday 13 July – Tuesday 16 July 2019 (4 days, 3 nights)

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to inform you of a music tour to Normandy that has been organised by the Music department for your son/daughter to attend which will depart on Saturday 13th July, and return on Tuesday 16th July 2019. The main purpose of the trip is to provide students with an opportunity to gain confidence and experience of performing music in highly successful and co-ordinated music ensembles in an abroad context. During this trip, the group will be based at The Gold Beach Hotel in the town of Asnelles in Normandy. We have arranged this trip in conjunction with Voyager School Travel, and have opted for this particular area of France and hotel as it is one of their established and most popular tour destinations and the best value for money.

The cost of the tour will be £430 per student. This will include:

- Full board accommodation
- Air-conditioned coach travel, via the Folkestone-Calais EuroTunnel, to and from resort.
- Two organised music concerts, provisionally in Le Mont. St Michel and in Caen.
- A range of activities including sand yachting on the beaches of Le Mont. St Michel, a visit to the Battle of Normandy Memorial Museum and Beaches, an opportunity to witness the historic Bayeux Tapestry, a visit to a local farm to try local delicacies such as snail and cheese, and an evening of bowling.
- Travel and medical insurance
- A concert tour t-shirt

There are 50 student places available for this music tour, and as with previous years we expect it to be oversubscribed. As a result, if there are more than 50 students interested in this opportunity, we will be selecting 50 students at random. As with previous music tours, this opportunity is only available to those students at school who regularly participate in the extensive extra-curricular programme of the Music department. If your son/daughters' place on this trip is confirmed, it is incredibly important that they remain regularly involved in the extra-curricular activities of the department, by attending weekly rehearsals and by performing in school music concerts, throughout the school year. From Easter onwards, the Music department will be preparing for the final summer concert of the academic year, which will involve all of those students involved in the music tour of that academic year and your son/daughter will be expected to attend and participate in this event.

Health and Safety is of prime importance on any educational visit involving your child. With this in mind, all Voyager School Travel programmes include a qualified representative on 24 hour call out during the trip, full safety support, English/French-speaking staff, good quality accommodation and emergency back-up. Approximately eight weeks prior to the trip there will be a parents' meeting where you will receive vital information about the trip, including a final itinerary, packing list, and other final details. Notification of this date will be issued nearer the time. Prior to this information evening, an OV7 medical consent form will be sent out to be filled in and returned to Mrs Kitching by a specified date.

If you wish your son/daughter to join us for this incredible opportunity, please complete the reply slip below and return it to Mrs Kitching along with a non-refundable deposit of £50.00 by Friday 12th October 2018. Cheques are preferred and should be made payable to TBSHS with your son/daughter's name and trip on the back.



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Following the above deadline, I will confirm the list of students who will be attending the Music Tour on Monday 15th October and will contact students to inform them of their allocated place. Once their place has been confirmed, the further instalments to cover the remaining cost of the trip are required by the following dates:

Date payment due by:	Amount due:
<i>Friday 12 October 2018</i>	<i>£50.00 (deposit non-refundable)</i>
Friday 07 December 2018	£75.00
Friday 18 January 2019	£100.00
Friday 22 March 2019	£100.00
Friday 26 April 2019	£105.00

We politely request that the preferred method of payment for the above remaining instalment is via ParentPay.

Please note that the following are not included in the price of the trip:

- Insurance of personal (non-school) musical instruments, and of any personal gadgets/electronic devices.
- Additional food/drink on the outward journey, if students do not bring a packed lunch.
- Additional food/drink on the return journey, if students wish to supplement their provided packed lunch.
- Personal spending money.

Students will be required to provide an individual passport which is valid for the period of travel, and a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). Applying for an EHIC can be done online: www.ehic.org.uk, by calling 0845 606 2030, or by using an EHIC Application Pack from the Post Office. In addition, please note that students who are accepted onto this trip can have their place withdrawn, and the deposit not be returned, if there are behavioural or work related issues which affects their position and ability to represent the school.

You and your son/daughter may wish to look at the Voyager School Travel website to help make your decision about joining the trip: <https://www.voyagerschooltravel.com/>

If you have any further questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Newsome or Mr. Emery to discuss this further. We are sure that this Normandy music tour will be an enriching experience for your son/daughter, and that they will rise to the challenges which such an exciting trip will pose.

Yours sincerely

Mr Newsome
Teacher of Music

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Mrs Kitching, Admin Office, Tee corridor Pastoral Office. Deadline: Friday 12th October 2018.

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I wish to reserve a place for my son/ daughter:

Tutor Group: Date of Birth:

On the proposed Normandy Music Trip, and I enclose a cheque (made payable to TBSHS)/cash of the value of £50.00.

I understand that this payment is non-refundable, unless my son/daughter is not offered a place and/or unless the trip does not go ahead.

Signature: (parent / guardian) Date: