



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

October 2017

Dear Swing Band, Symphonic Band and Parents

Swing Band and Symphonic Wind Band to Lake Konstanz – July 2018

We are proposing to take the Swing Band and Symphonic Wind Band to Lake Konstanz in Switzerland for a 5-night tour at the end of the summer term 2018. We will be travelling by executive coach from St Aidan's leaving either on Saturday 7 or Sunday 8 July and returning to school on Friday 13 or Saturday 14 July 2018. This exciting tour will include three fully promoted concerts as well as sight-seeing opportunities and excursions in this beautiful area, which affords the possibility of performing in Switzerland, Austria and Germany on the same tour!

This should be a magnificent ending to the year for the two bands and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to participate to make this a visit to remember. The costings will depend upon the numbers who commit themselves to the tour but will be in the region of **£550.00**. We will be staying at the Jugendherberge Romanshorn in Switzerland and accommodation will be in twin and multi-bedded rooms on a half-board basis.

If you would like a place on the trip, please pay a **non-refundable deposit** of £130.00 on ParentPay by Monday 30 October 2017. Subsequent payments will be requested in January, March and May 2018 for approximately £140.00.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's and St John Fisher. When accompanying children on a school trip, staff are acting *in loco parentis* just as they do in school. However, trips away from the normal school environment involve taking into account different routines and environments, which demand that pupils are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. In order to participate in any trip, the school staff have to be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

The school will look at the behaviour, the attendance and the wellbeing of a pupil and decide whether they are able to cope with these demands **before** accepting the pupil onto any trip out of school. The decision to allow a child to participate will be taken between the trip leader, the head of year and senior staff. Deposits in this case will be refunded. Once a pupil has been accepted onto a trip then, if in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, staff have concerns again about the pupil's participation in the trip, the school reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place.

Yours sincerely

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