



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

October 2017

Dear Young Musicians and Parents

## **Junior Music Residential – York Racecourse Friday 26 to Sunday 28 January 2018**

We hope that our junior musicians are enjoying taking part in their musical activities at St Aidan's. We are writing to you with news about this year's Junior Music Residential Weekend at the York Racecourse Centre.

After the success of the previous courses and the superb concert which we always hold at the end of the weekend, I am sure you will be looking forward to this year's residential as much as we are! For those who have not been before, the residential weekend gives members of String Orchestra and Junior Band a chance to rehearse together and make huge progress over the space of one weekend whilst also giving members a chance to get to know each other and have a great weekend.

The schedule for the weekend will be along these lines:

- Leave school by coach 16:00 on Friday evening to travel to York Racecourse Centre
- Friday evening - rehearsal and time to relax!
- Saturday morning - rehearsal
- Saturday afternoon - Activities off site
- Saturday evening - "Cabaret Evening" in the racecourse centre
- Sunday morning - short 'in-house' worship followed by rehearsal
- Sunday afternoon - concert in nearby church to which parents are invited. Musicians to leave with parents from concert at around 15:00.

The cost of the weekend is **£130.00** which will include coach hire, full board and lodging and all activities in York. If you would like your son/daughter to take part, please pay a non-refundable deposit of **£60.00 by Friday 3 November 2017**. Payment for the trip should be via ParentPay where you can give consent online for the trip and view the balance. A second payment of **£70.00** will then be due no later than Friday 12 January 2018.

School trips including residential visits form an important part of the curriculum offered at St Aidan's. 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.

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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. 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.

Further information will follow, however if you require any more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Regards

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Director of Music

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