



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

October 2018

Dear Chamber Choir Students and Parents

## **Chamber Choir Tour to Belgium – Sunday 7 July – Friday 12 July 2019**

For our summer music tour this year, we are proposing a Chamber Choir concert tour to Belgium in July 2019. We will depart St Aidan's by executive coach at approximately 15:30 on Sunday 7 July 2019 and travel to Hull, where we will take the overnight ferry to Zeebrugge with P&O Ferries. The students will share a 4-berth cabin. We will return to school at approximately 10:30 on Friday 12 July 2019.

This exciting tour will involve fully advertised and staged concerts in superb venues as well as sightseeing opportunities. There will also be an element of visiting sites with a First World War connection, given that this year we are commemorating 100 years since the end of the war. We have already secured the opportunity for us to sing at the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres, which will be an unforgettable experience

This should be a magnificent ending to the year for the Chamber Choir and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be able to participate to make this a visit to remember. We will be staying at the Auberge de Jeunesse de Tournai in Tournai and accommodation will be in twin and multi-bedded rooms on a **half-board basis**. Students will need to buy lunch each day.

The number of students who wish to go determines the cost of a trip this size. However, we anticipate the cost will be in the region of £580.00-£650.00.

Please note that **all payments for this trip are non-refundable**, as we have to make regular payments to the Tour Operator. I would be grateful therefore if you could discuss this opportunity with your son/daughter prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.

In order to secure a place on this trip, we require a **non-refundable deposit of £150.00 by 09:00 on Tuesday 30 October 2018 – please note that this date is in half term**. The trip should now be available on your ParentPay account and by ticking the box to give consent online, you are agreeing to your son or daughter taking part on the trip and the cost and confirming that the medical details we hold are up to date.

Once we have the final numbers and cost, we will divide the balance of the trip into three payments; these will be due in December 2018, February and April 2019 and we will notify you of the instalments by email or letter.

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

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and environments, which demand that students 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 students will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

Once the deadline of Tuesday 30 October 2018 has passed, we will look at the behaviour, attendance and the wellbeing of each student who has signed up and decide whether they are able to cope with the demands of the trip. The decision to allow the students to participate will be taken between the Trip Leader, the Head of St Aidan's and Senior Staff. If we decide the trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and deposits in this case will be refunded.

Please note you will only be notified if your son/daughter is not accepted onto the trip.

Once a student has been accepted onto a trip if, in the time between gaining a place on the trip and the departure, there are concerns again about the pupil's participation on the trip, **the Head of the St Aidan's reserves the right to withdraw the pupil's place and any payments made may not be refunded.**

If you have any queries about the trip, or if meeting the initial deadline for payment presents a problem, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Collins, the Trips Administrator on 01423 818527.

Regards

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