



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

November 2022

Dear Parents and Swing Band Members

Swing Band Tour to Nyon, Switzerland – 7-13 July 2023

We are delighted to be able to travel abroad again for our summer music tour next year and we are proposing a Swing Band tour to play at the Nyon Jazz Festival in July 2023.

We will depart St Aidan's by executive coach on 7 July 2023 and travel to Dover, where we will take the ferry from Calais and then continue to our destination of Nyon in Switzerland.

We will be staying at Nyon Hostel in Nyon which is a beautiful town, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva. Hopefully we will be playing at the Nyon Jazz Festival and two other separate one hour gigs in and around Nyon. We also hope to visit Annecy, Chateau Chillon (a medieval fortress) and be able to attend a gig at the Montreux Jazz Festival, once the line-up is announced. This is a wonderful opportunity for the band to perform outside of the UK, develop experience of playing to an audience and to travel abroad.

The number of students who wish to go, determines the cost of a trip this size. However, based on the numbers in the band, we anticipate the cost will be in the region of £900.00. This price will include return travel by executive coach, half-board accommodation, all concerts and excursions.

Please note that **all payments for this trip are non-refundable**, as we must 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.

To secure a place on this trip, we require a **non-refundable deposit of £180.00 by Friday 25 November 2022**. 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 2022, February and April 2023 and we will notify you of the instalments by email.

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 and environments, which demand that students are able to show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. 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.

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Once the deadline of Friday 25 November 2022 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 child 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 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 McDonald the Trips Administrator on t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk

Regards

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