



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

## **Junior Music Residential Weekend at York Racecourse, Friday 27 January – Sunday 29 January 2023**

The York weekend is approaching very quickly! Our arrangements continue and we write at this stage to request further information. Please keep this letter in a safe place as it includes the final itinerary for the weekend.

The final cost of the weekend is £150.00. As you have already paid a deposit of £100.00, the balance payment of £50.00 is now due and should be made via ParentPay by **Wednesday 11 January 2023**. If you have paid above this amount, you will automatically be refunded into the Parent Section of ParentPay.

We are also holding a short online parents' meeting which will take place on **Friday 20 January at 16:30** and will be run through the **Junior Band Team**. Those pupils in String ensemble will be added to the Team for the purposes of the meeting. We would be grateful if you could all attend.

To continue with our planning, we now need to organise the rooms according to friendship groups where possible. I would therefore be grateful if you could complete the link [here](#) identifying up to four friends. We will of course try to meet as many requests as possible but cannot guarantee that you will be with **all** your nominated friends. Rooms at York Racecourse are for 2, 3 or 4 students.

The friendship form must be completed by Wednesday 11 January 2023. If we do not receive it by this date, pupils will be allocated by us to a room.

No doubt some of the items in your child's weekend bag will include crisps, biscuits or sweets! As a special note of caution, we bring to your attention that several students taking part on the visit have a **nut allergy** and ask that **both pupils and parents do not pack any items containing nuts of any kind or anything marked "made in a factory handling nuts" or "may contain nut traces"**. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

As always, your child's health is paramount, and we will shortly be sending out another medical form to confirm that the information we hold at school is correct. Please complete the questionnaire as soon as you receive it. In the meantime, if you are aware of any amendments to your child's records, please email the school nurses on [medicalroom@staidans.co.uk](mailto:medicalroom@staidans.co.uk). If your child's medical details indicate that they need medication such as inhalers, please ensure that they bring them on the day. All medication needs to be handed into staff on the day of departure and should:

- be in a plastic bag
- be clearly labelled with your **child's name and form**
- be in the original packaging ideally
- clearly state the **DOSE and frequency information**

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Please find below the final information that your child will require for the visit to run smoothly:

- When students arrive at school on Friday 27 January 2023, luggage for the weekend should be left at the **back of MU5 in the Music Department** and picked up at 15:35 before going to the Main Hall.
- The coach will depart from the main school car park at 16:00. We are travelling with York Pullman Coaches
- As a reminder full board is provided
- Students will need to pack suitable casual clothing but must remember their concert uniform of navy-blue polo shirt if they are in Junior Band. String Ensemble will wear school uniform for the concert
- We will be taking the students bowling at Clifton Moor in York on Saturday afternoon by coach, again with York Pullman
- The Centre will provide all bedding however students must bring their own towels
- Mobile phones and electronics **should not** be brought on the trip
- Inhalers and any other emergency medication should be handed into staff as mentioned above and should not be in bags which go in the hold of the coach
- On Saturday evening we will be holding a Cabaret Extravaganza; please bring any songs, dances, karaoke items/backing tracks etc
- Pupils will be taken by York Pullman Coaches to the Church of the Holy Redeemer in York for the afternoon concert which will begin at 14:00. The address is 108 Boroughbridge Road, York, YO26 6AB.  
Please collect your child from the Church at approximately 15:15 if you are not attending the concert. **Please note there is no transport back to school.**
- The emergency contact number for the Centre is **01904 709174**. Mr Holdsworth, the Assistant Head, is the emergency contact at school and the number is 07785979914 – please only contact these numbers in the case of a genuine emergency as staff will be busy looking after your child.  
Thank you.

We are looking forward to a very successful weekend.

Regards

Mr D Elliott  
Junior Band Director

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