



# ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

October 2023

Dear Young Musicians and Parents

## **Junior Music Residential – York Racecourse Thursday 25 January to Saturday 27 January 2024**

We hope that our junior musicians are enjoying taking part in their musical activities at St Aidan's and we are delighted that we are once again able to run our Junior Music Residential at the York Racecourse Centre.

We have previously enjoyed many successful trips to the York Racecourse Centre which culminates with a superb concert for parents and family. For those who have not been before, the residential trip gives members of String Orchestra and Junior Band a chance to rehearse together and make huge progress whilst also giving members the chance to get to know each other and have fun. This year, the trip is running from Thursday to Saturday and therefore students will not be in school on the Friday.

The schedule for the weekend will be along these lines:

- Leave school by coach 16:00 on **Thursday evening** to travel to York Racecourse Centre
- **Thursday evening** - rehearsal and time to relax!
- **Friday morning** - rehearsal
- **Friday afternoon** - Activities off site
- **Friday evening** - "Cabaret Evening" in the racecourse centre
- **Saturday morning** - short 'in-house' worship followed by a rehearsal
- **Saturday afternoon** at 14:00 - concert at the Parish Church St Edward the Confessor to which parents are invited. Musicians will leave with their parents from the concert at around 15:00.

### **Cost**

The cost of the weekend is dependent on the numbers taking part; however, we anticipate the price to be between **£150.00-£180.00**, which will include coach hire, full board accommodation and all activities in York.

### **ParentPay**

If you would like your child to take part, please pay a non-refundable deposit of **£80.00 by Friday 24 November 2023** on ParentPay. A second non-refundable payment of approximately £70.00-£100.00 will then be due no later than **Friday 5 January 2024**.

Please note that by ticking the consent box on ParentPay you are agreeing to your child taking part on the trip, the cost and confirming that your child's medical details are up to date.

Whilst we offer a payment schedule for the trip, please note that after Friday 24 November 2023, cancellation charges are imposed on us by our suppliers. If your child withdraws from the trip, you will be refunded the money you have paid **minus** the current cancellation charges as per the each company's

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terms and conditions. For that reason, we ask that you take the time to discuss the trip in detail with your child prior to paying the deposit to ensure that they are fully committed to the trip.

As financial pressures rise, we have been asked by some parents if they can support with the funding of trips for students who may not otherwise be able to afford to go. We do not currently have the means to facilitate this through ParentPay however, if you do wish to make a voluntary donation which will be put towards the cost of funding another student on the trip, please contact our Finance Manager via email at [E.Amos@staidans.co.uk](mailto:E.Amos@staidans.co.uk).

## Insurance

All students are fully covered by our school insurance policy.

## Behaviour

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 considering different routines and environments, which demand that pupils can show an increased level of responsibility and maturity. To participate in any trip, the school staff must be confident that a pupil will be able to cope with the challenges that the trip presents.

After the deadline date, the Trip Leader, Head of Year and Senior Staff will look at the behaviour, attendance and wellbeing of all pupils who have registered on the trip to decide whether they are able to cope with these demands. If we decide the Outward Bound trip is not suitable for your son or daughter, we will inform you in writing and we will return deposits in this case.

Further information will follow, however if you require any more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us or Mrs McDonald, the Trips Administrator, [t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk](mailto:t.mcdonald@staidans.co.uk).

I am sure the students will be looking forward to this year's residential as much as we are!

Regards

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Junior Band Director

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