



15<sup>th</sup> October 2015

**Senior Band/Choir Tour to Strasbourg, France and visiting the Black Forest 2016**

Dear Parents/Carers

This letter is to give you the dates for the 2016 Senior Band tour. We will be travelling to Strasbourg/Black Forest on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 departing at about 5:00pm and arriving back at school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the evening. Students will have the opportunity to perform in 3-4 concerts while we are away, as well as participating in a number of sight-seeing activities.

**If your child would like to come on tour then they must attend rehearsals. We fully understand if you feel they cannot commit to these rehearsals, but you must also understand that we cannot then consider them for the tour.**

The cost will be in the region of £470 for 4 days/3 nights based on between 70-85 students attending the trip. I can only confirm the final cost once we know how many students will be going. The trip will include **Half Board** accommodation (bed, buffet breakfast, and evening meal), hire of an executive coach, and travel via ferry from Dover, as well as rehearsals and concerts. The cost will also include all excursions, but students will need money for lunch, food for travel days and purchasing any souvenirs. I suggest that students bring around 15 Euros a day.

Please return the slip below to the **school finance office** with a **non-refundable** deposit of £85 as soon as possible, but **no later than Wednesday 21st October** if you would like to be considered for the tour. You will not be chased for these slips and we will assume a nil return is a 'no'. I will write again to confirm the price of the tour and if the cost is **significantly** more I will offer students their deposits back. We are now also able to accept payment by ParentPay, if you wish to use this facility please ensure that you have a ParentPay account. If you would like us to arrange this for you, please indicate on the attached form. If your child is unable to go on the trip through illness, you will need to have a Doctor's note to be able to make a claim on the school insurance.

**Parents/Carers who are in receipt of income support or family credit who anticipate difficulties with paying for the trip should contact me as soon as possible.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Bownds

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