



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

14 July 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

2025 Music Tour

We are writing to you to give you as much advance notice as possible regarding our plans for a music tour in the summer of 2025.

Although planning is still at an early stage, we wanted to give you an indication of what our trip is likely to look like in terms of timings and cost to allow you to consider whether your child would like to take part and to make plans accordingly.

Rather than taking one senior ensemble on tour, we would like to offer this opportunity to all ensemble instrumentalists who are in Year 9 and above in the next academic year, 2024-25.

We will then assess what instrumental resources are available to us and construct ensembles in response to the uptake. We anticipate that we would be able to have a Wind Band, Jazz Band and possibly an Orchestra.

The opportunity for string players to come on this trip will depend on how many players sign up to allow us to create a successful ensemble. If there are insufficient strings to create an Orchestra, we will endeavour to include individuals in other ensembles, however this may not be possible.

Early plans are for the group to travel to Germany's Rhineland from 7 to 11 July by coach, having some time to rehearse and playing three concerts. The trip will also include some cultural visits and some fun activities to give the students the chance to relax together.

We anticipate the cost being around £800.00-£900.00 but this does depend on numbers. The price will include travel, half-board accommodation and excursions. We will send further, more detailed information about this trip and how to sign up in early September and the first deposit will be due by Friday 27 September 2024.

We hope your child will be excited by this opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Mr Doug Elliott
Symphonic Band Director

V A Elliott

Mrs V Elliott
Head of Music

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