



HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL
An Academy Trust

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6 November 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians

Music - Jazz Band and Chamber Choir Trip to Belgium in October 2019

I am delighted to confirm that the Music Department will be running a performance trip to Belgium in October 2019, departing Friday 25 October and returning Monday 28 October. We shall be based in the beautiful and historic city of Ghent and shall perform both there and in Bruges.

The trip has two aims: firstly, to allow music students the chance to perform a variety of vocal and instrumental music in diverse settings and to broaden and enhance the performing experience of our musicians. The second aim is to provide students with a shared opportunity to visit one of Europe's most interesting cultural and historic centres and to perform there. After four successful choir trips, this is the first time that we are hoping to take an instrumental ensemble, in addition to the school Chamber Choir.

I will lead the trip, accompanied by several other staff members; we plan to take 35 students from the Jazz Band and Chamber Choir. **Please note: it is essential for all participants to take part in the choir and band rehearsals, as appropriate, now and until the trip, as we shall be performing pieces that we learn over the next year. It is not possible to offer places to students who are not taking part in these ensembles. If the tour is oversubscribed, there will be a ballot for places within each section of the Chamber Choir, to maintain a good choral sound in that ensemble. If your son is unsuccessful in gaining a place on the trip your cheque will be returned to you.**

The cost of the 4-day, 3-night trip, based on 35 students with 4 staff, is estimated to be £465.00 (the actual cost may vary slightly once final numbers are known). The price will include all travel, insurance, half board accommodation and excursions, a tour guide and qualified drivers. What is not included is spending money and money for additional meals.

I hope you will be keen for your son to participate in this rare opportunity not only to enhance his musical studies and performing skills but also to take away some wonderful experiences.

If you would like your son to participate in the trip I would be grateful if you would complete the reply slip below and return it to the School Office Letterbox by **Wednesday 21 November** together with your non-refundable deposit of £75. (Cheques made payable to Hitchin Boys' School).

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If you require financial assistance, please write to Mrs Ivory-Webb, the School Business Manager in confidence.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on ahetherington@hitchinboys.co.uk if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,



Anne-Marie Hetherington

Associate Assistant Head Teacher for Creative Arts, NHTA, New Staff, ITT, NQT and SD

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018 IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED 'MUSIC TRIP BELGIUM 2019'

I would like to apply for my son to take part in the Jazz Band/Chamber Choir trip to Belgium in October 2019.

Student's name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I enclose a cheque for £75 (made payable to Hitchin Boys' School)

I understand that the deposit will be non-refundable if he subsequently withdraws from the trip and that there may be other monies due to the School depending on the payment schedule to the Tour Operator or Hitchin Boys' School.

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian) Date: _____