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**HITCHIN BOYS' SCHOOL**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Music Choir Trip to Paris in April 2015**

I am delighted to confirm that the Music Department will be running a choir trip to Paris in the Easter holiday of 2015, departing Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April and returning Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

The trip has two main aims: the first is to allow music students the chance to perform a variety of vocal and instrumental music in settings as diverse as churches, concert halls and theme parks and to broaden and enhance the performing experience of our musicians. The second aim of the trip is to provide students with a shared opportunity to visit one Europe's greatest cities and to perform there.

I will lead the trip, accompanied by several other staff members; we plan to take 35 students from the school choir. We hope to form some small instrumental ensembles from among the choir members, in order to create variety in the concert programme we are able to offer. **I must stress at this point that it is essential that all participants take part in the school choir now and continue to do so 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 not participating in the choir. If the tour is oversubscribed, there will be a ballot for places within each section of the choir, so that a good choral sound can be maintained.**

The cost of the 4-day, 3-night trip based on 35 students with 5 staff is £445.00 (the actual cost of the trip may vary slightly once final numbers are known). The price will include travel, insurance, accommodation, breakfast and evening meals and excursions, a tour guide, luxury coach and qualified drivers. What is not included is spending money and money for lunch each day.

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 this trip, I would be grateful if you would complete the reply slip below and return it to the School Office by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at the latest. Please note: if we confirm your son's name on the list of those travelling, a deposit of £50.00 will be payable immediately. If your son subsequently withdraws from the trip, please be aware that some or all of the monies paid may be non-refundable, depending on the payment schedule of the tour operator. If you require financial assistance, please write to the Head Teacher in confidence.

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Please do not hesitate to contact me on [ahetherington@hitchinboys.co.uk](mailto:ahetherington@hitchinboys.co.uk) if you have any queries regarding the above.

Yours faithfully,



A Hetherington  
Head of Music

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**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY TUESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2014 IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED 'CHOIR TRIP PARIS 2015'**

I would like to apply for my son to take part in the choir trip to Paris in April 2015.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_