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To: All Parents/Guardians and Members of
Merton Youth Concert Band
MYJO
Senior Marching Band
Groovement



Dear Parent/Guardian and Member,

MERTON YOUTH MUSIC TOUR 2018

As promised, I am writing with further details of our **Merton Youth Music Tour** which this year will be to the beautiful Mosel Valley. Dates are now confirmed as **Friday 20th – Wednesday 25th July 2018**.

We will be using the services of One Stage - a well-established travel company who specialise in youth music tours. They have given us a very competitive quote for the trip of 6 days / 5 nights and we will be based in Traben Trarbach.

Groups touring will include **Merton Youth Concert Band, Merton Youth Jazz Orchestra, Groovement** and **Senior Marching Band**. Our programme will include four concerts as well as a range of excursions. A full programme of activities, all of which will be included within the cost of the tour, will follow in due course.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

The cost of the tour will be approximately **£560** per person (based on rates of exchange and group numbers).

This will include:

- The organisation of four performances tailored to our groups' needs, including advance publicity
- Full excursion programme (entrance fees included in price)
- Half board accommodation in resort
Accommodation will be in multi-bedded rooms with ensuite facilities. Half board includes bed, continental breakfast and an evening meal)
- Executive coach equipped with DVD player, seat belts, air conditioning and toilet, with two drivers to undertake our final itinerary
- Full use of coach for excursions and concert transfers subject only to driving regulations
- Return channel crossing Dover/Calais
- Services of a Tour Manager
- Fully comprehensive travel insurance
- ABTA bonding



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(Not included: meals en route, lunches, drinks with meals except breakfast, and instrument insurance).

As with previous Merton Youth Music Tours, it is important that all Merton Youth Music members are able to go on tour, especially as our groups will need full personnel to perform effectively.

If after reading this letter you feel you may require some financial assistance, please write to me at the Music Centre. To be considered, you will need to have returned the booking form and deposit Friday 17th November. All communications received regarding this will be treated in confidence and dealt with on an individual needs basis.

HOW TO BOOK

Initially, please complete the enclosed booking form and return it by post/hand with your first non-refundable deposit of **£85.00** (payable to '**Merton Music Foundation**') no later than **Friday 17th November 2017**. It is very important that we receive all deposits by this date, as we need to confirm our accommodation.

Full payment is due on March 23rd 2018. However, if you wish to pay by instalments between now and March the payment plan will be:

£85 Deposit by Friday 17th November 2017

£175 First Instalment by Friday 26th January 2018

£150 Second Instalment by 23rd February 2018

£150 Third Instalment by 23rd March 2018

Meanwhile, if you do apply for financial assistance, please continue to make payments in line with the schedule and the final instalment will be adjusted accordingly.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Elisabeth Wigley
Chief Executive
Merton Music Foundation