

INTRODUCTION

Whilst on tour all members of the party will be responsible for ensuring that they comply with the following Code of Conduct. This is for everyone's protection and benefit. It ensures that the community that makes up Merton Youth Music on tour is both a caring and supportive environment for our members. To help with this, it is important that all members who are on tour understand and respect the following boundaries.

- ✓ **SAFETY** No tour member should go out alone. It is important that members stay together in groups and follow instructions about meeting times and locations.
- ✓ **ALCOHOL** No group member under 18 years old will be allowed to consume alcohol. Members over 18 may consume alcohol in moderation. Over consumption will result in you being sent home at your own expense.
- ✓ **SMOKING** There is a no smoking policy during the tour.
- ✓ **DRUGS** Only substances for the treatment of medical conditions that we have been **notified in writing about** may be taken abroad. Possession of any substances outside of this will result in you being sent home at your parents' expense.
- ✓ **HOSTEL ROOMS** You must not go into bedrooms occupied by members of the opposite sex. It is forbidden to jump or climb from one balcony/window to another.
- ✓ **QUIET AND LIGHTS OUT** Normally we expect that all tour members will be in bedrooms by midnight. Staff supervising will expect that lights are out by 12:30am and that all bedrooms are quiet after this time. **This is very important, as we will be sharing the hostel with other guests.** Please follow instructions from MMF staff; we have a busy itinerary and tired players will not help the quality of our performances abroad.
- ✓ **PARTICIPATION** All tour members are expected to fully participate in all events and concerts as detailed in the programme. If for some reason this presents a problem, it should be discussed and agreed with the Party Leader in advance of the tour. Your agreement to the contents of the Indemnity Form confirms that you have agreed to this.
- ✓ **BEHAVIOUR** All tour members will display a high standard of behaviour at all times throughout the tour.
- ✓ **HEALTH AND SAFETY** All tour members must observe the health and safety rules, which apply to all forms of transport used during the tour (including the cross-channel ferry/tunnel and coaches), the hostel, concert venues and any other sites visited during the tour. These rules will be explained to you by the Party Leader and/or other MMF Staff.
- ✓ **SEATBELTS** Whilst travelling on coaches the wearing of seatbelts and staying seated is compulsory. Please note that there are **on the spot fines** that you may have to **personally pay** if the Police check our coach and you are not wearing a seatbelt.

ALL TOUR MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO SIGN A DECLARATION ON THE MERTON MUSIC FOUNDATION'S INDEMNITY FORM CONFIRMING THAT THEY WILL ABIDE BY THIS CODE OF CONDUCT. PLEASE KEEP THIS SHEET FOR REFERENCE.

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