

21 January 2019



Dear Parents/Carers

Performing Arts Tour 2019 – Waldkirch, Germany

We are excited to announce our plans for this year's Performing Arts Tour which will take place during activities week from Saturday 13 July to Sunday 21 July 2019. We have been very fortunate to have been asked back to our twinning town of Waldkirch. After the success of last year's tour we have been invited to be part of a prestigious festival in the area and to play at many events throughout the week. Therefore we are planning to extend the tour to eight days. There is of course a cost implication for the extra time we are planning to spend there, but it is enormous value for money and will be an unforgettable experience for the students.

The Tour is open to all students at the Academy who are passionately and actively engaged in the performing arts, either through their studies and/or extracurricular activities.

We will be travelling by coach to Waldkirch and staying at the Super 8 Hotel Freiburg. Transport during our stay will be provided by Worthing Coaches. We will be taking two drivers who are well versed in working with young people.

The main aspect of tour this year is performance. We are currently liaising with our German friends to secure a wide range of venues and events for students to perform at. We are hoping to take with us a Choir, Steel Band, Orchestra, Rock band, Drama and Dance. It will also provide students with cultural, vocational and educational opportunities which will allow our students the chance to explore places of interest, local communities and people.

The tour itinerary is being constructed in conjunction with three mayors from the local area and all concerts will be fully publicized to the local towns, so we should expect some exciting audiences. We are also liaising again this year with Europa Park – theme park, which is the largest theme park in Germany to secure a performance in the grounds as well as enjoying a day there.

The cost of the trip will be £790.00 and includes all transport (from Lancing), half board accommodation, packed lunches, travel insurance, organisation of concerts, entrance ticket to Europa Park, local tourist tax and excursions.

We are aiming to take a balanced mix of students from all three art forms: Dance, Drama and Music. As the trip is likely to be popular, places for the trip will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. There is a maximum number of 56 student places available.

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If you wish to secure a place for your son/daughter, please complete the attached reply slip, making a non-refundable deposit payment of £130.00 via WisePay, and return it for the attention of Miss A Venn by Friday 1 February. You have the option of paying the balance in full or paying in instalments as per the payment schedule outlined below and on the reply slip.

	Payment	To be paid by
Payment 1 (Deposit)	£130	1/2/19
Payment 2	£150	1/3/19
Payment 3	£150	1/4/19
Payment 4	£150	1/5/19
Payment 5	£150	1/6/19
Payment 6	£60	1/7/19
TOTAL	£790	

A second letter confirming your son/daughter's place will follow once places on the trip have been allocated and there will be a meeting for all students and their parents later this half term.

We look forward to receiving your responses, if you have any queries about the trip, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Venn at avenn@srwa.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



Miss A Venn
Learning Leader of Performing Arts

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