



# St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

4<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that there are places available for our Music Tour to Belgium. These are available on a first come first serve basis and for any further information, please contact Mrs Keene at [lkeene@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk](mailto:lkeene@st-edwards.poole.sch.uk) Please note, this trip is **only** for students who are interested in singing in the school choir or intend to join the school orchestra on their instrument.

St Edward's School Music Department will be going on tour to Belgium from Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The tour will be an unforgettable opportunity for ensemble members to perform in exciting venues together, supporting their musical learning. The tour is being organised by specialist group tour operator, NST Tours. The cost of the trip is £550.

A sample itinerary is below:

### Day One

Depart by coach  
Channel crossing  
Evening meal and rehearsal

### Day Two

Visit the Historium in Bruges  
Concert 1  
Canal cruise  
Evening Meal

### Day Three

Visit Choco-Story in Bruges  
Concert 2  
Evening Meal

### Day Four

Bellewaerde Themepark  
Concert 3  
Evening meal and fun files quiz

### Day Five

Shopping  
Channel crossing  
Coach return

Students are required to participate in regular rehearsals in the run up to the trip and will be expected to attend every rehearsal unless in exceptional circumstances. Those missing rehearsals on a regular basis, may run the risk of losing their place. We intend on taking the school orchestra, choir and a function band, to which your child is expected to perform in at least one of these. If you wish your son/daughter to take a place on this visit, please contact myself as soon as possible.

I am aware that due to the current climate, trips have increased in costing, therefore we have set up an installment plan to try and give as much time as possible for you to make payments. If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, there is a £50 contribution towards the total cost of the trip. Please note that all students travelling will need a valid passport and GHIC for travelling to Belgium.

The cost includes return ferry crossing, 4 nights' accommodation, meals on half-board basis, 4 concert venues, programme of activities and excursions, comprehensive travel insurance and a personalised polo shirt which will be worn during the concerts. The only extra cost will be for lunch each day and any pocket money you wish your child to have for any extras throughout their time in Belgium. Students may be required to take their instruments, with which the included insurance will cover up to £750 per person.

	Payment Due Date	Amount
1	Deposit of £75 plus £100 for first installment- 8th September 2023	£175
3	2 <sup>nd</sup> October 2023	£125

	Payment Due Date	Amount
5	6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023	£125
6	2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2024	£125
<b>Total paid: £550</b>		

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like further information. Nearer the time, we will hold an information evening and concert which will include the itinerary, what you may need for the trip, and listen to the concert's programme.

Kind Regards,  
Lauren Keene  
Visit Organiser