



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to inform you that there is one place available for our Music Tour to Belgium. This is available on a first come first serve basis and for any further information, please contact Mrs Keene at keene@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. This place is taking the place of another student, so payments will be made to reimburse their payment. This needs to be paid in full to enable a place on the trip.

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.

St Edward's School Music Department will be going on tour to Belgium from Tuesday 26th March - Saturday 30th 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 a 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.

The cost includes return ferry crossing, 4 nights' accommodation, meals on a 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.

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.

Yours sincerely,

Lauren Keene
Visit Organiser