



# Davenant Foundation School

*Nurturing, Mind, Body & Spirit*

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Music Tour to Assisi/Umbria, Italy  
W/C 21<sup>st</sup> July –2019**

I am pleased to inform you that a Music Tour to north Italy is being planned for July 2019. There will be places for up to 160 pupils who, along with staff, will be based in the town of Assisi in Umbria.

At present the probable venues for the tour are Assisi, Perugia and Florence. Further venues will be announced in due course. We will also arrange some sightseeing opportunities.

***The following ensembles will be performing on the tour:***

- School Choir (Years 9-13)
- Senior Girls' choir (Years 9-11)
- School Band
- School Orchestra
- School Swing Band
- Chamber Choir
- Stage Crew

All pupils are expected to sing in the School Choir and play for the School Orchestra if selected.

***The criteria for securing a place on the tour are:***

- All participants need to perform in at least two groups or ensembles
- Participants must attend at least 80% of rehearsals in the next year – failure to do so is likely to mean withdrawal from the tour party
- Behaviour and attendance across the school is good

***Places are not guaranteed and will be allocated on a needs basis. Places will be confirmed in writing as soon as possible. If your child does not gain a place, deposits and any payments will be refunded.***





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We have selected and booked a four-star hotel in Assisi. This Hotel is of an exceptional standard and is the same hotel used for the music tour in 2013. Students will be in a room for two or three persons. There are excellent sports facilities attached to the hotel e.g. an Olympic sized swimming pool, indoor pool and football pitch. Accommodation is on a half-board basis with, on each concert day, a further meal at/near the concert venue to be paid for by the pupils.

**The cost of the tour is £950. Parents are asked to pay a non-refundable deposit of £180 by 23<sup>rd</sup> May**, followed by seven instalments of £110 paid in June, July, September, October, November 2018, January and February 2019.

Please make payments using Parent pay which also serves to provide electronic permission. Please note that payment cannot be accepted by cash or cheque.

In exceptional circumstances, if you are unable to contribute for any other reason but would like your child to attend the trip, please contact the Headteacher in writing. Any requests will be treated in confidence.

The Terms and Conditions applicable to trips and visits can be viewed on our website or by following this link: Terms & Conditions. Please read them carefully and discuss with me any concerns you may have.

We will assume that all medical details held on the school system are correct at the time of the trip departure. Please be aware that responsibility remains with parents and carers to inform us of any changes and that failure to do this may invalidate your child's insurance cover whilst participating in school trips. Please also inform us of any special dietary requirements that your son/daughter may have so that we can ensure their needs are catered for.

If you would like to reserve a place for your son/daughter on the Music Tour 2019, please complete the attached form and return it to Donna Pearce in the Performing Arts Office at the School. Any specific questions about the tour or payment arrangements should be directed to Mr Taylor or Mr O'Sullivan who will be leading this exciting visit.

Yours sincerely

Mr R Taylor  
Deputy Headteacher

Mr O'Sullivan  
Head of Music





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## MUSIC TOUR – JULY 2019

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick the 2 or more ensembles your child is in:

- Band       School Choir       Senior Girls Choir (Y9-11)       Orchestra
- Swing Band       Chamber Choir       Stage Crew

I would like my son/daughter to attend the Music Tour

- I have paid the non-refundable deposit of £180 through ParentPay
- I can confirm that the information held by the school on the 2017-2018 Parent Medical Consent for School visits form is up to date and correct.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer      Date \_\_\_\_\_

