



# ABINGDON

From: The Director of Music, Michael Stinton, MA (Oxon), LRAM, ARCM.

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Dear Parents

## **Music Tour to Spain for 5 – 12 July 2014 (Letter 7)**

As I write, the tour is now just a month away and the exciting expedition is drawing closer. There has been much activity recently, drawing together all the data required for our tour, producing publicity material for a special Souvenir Tour Brochure and our tour polo shirt. **Please complete the attached consent form and return by Friday 20 June.**

Meanwhile, I am conscious that some parents are starting to think about what will need to be packed and, indeed, other matters such as spending money, concert clothes etc. I enclose with this letter supervision groups and important information (3 sides).

### **1. Tour Meeting and Playing Day, 29 June and Pre-Tour Concert, 2 July**

Please note the following important rehearsal. Boys may wear home clothes and should bring their own packed lunch.

**Sunday 29 June** 10am to 3.30pm, Amey Theatre, Orchestra and Choir, **followed by Parents Meeting at 3.30pm (please try to attend this important meeting.)**

**Wednesday 2 July** Pre-tour Concert, 7pm, Amey Theatre, Admission free

### **2. Financial Matters/Outstanding Data**

As you know, there are a number of lunchtime meals, which are not included in our arrangements. Boys will need sufficient funds in euros to cover this and for souvenirs, snacks etc. We recommend they should bring somewhere between €90 and €130 (£70 - £100). Boys need to bring a packed supper, breakfast and lunch for the outward journey, but meals on the return journey are included in the overall tour price. Boys will need money for five lunches (not included) and for possible entries, gifts and souvenirs.

There are still some boys for whom we are awaiting data – I would be very grateful if you could respond promptly if you are in this category. I will be phoning around shortly!

### **3. Tour Polo Shirts**

As mentioned earlier, the tour polo shirts are now on order and all the boys have ordered one. These will be delivered well before we depart.

### **4. Music Stands**

We would like the **orchestral musicians to pack their own music stands for this tour in their own luggage**. It should be named, (ideally chrome) and of the compact collapsible variety. With a tour of that distance it will just not be practical for us to bring all the orchestra's stands. Boarders and others without stands will be issued with a school one.

## **5. Concert Wear and Other Clothing**

For the orchestral concerts, we would like the boys to play in white shirts with First Orchestra ties. Since there are several concert occasions, boys should bring at least two (named) shirts, which can be packed separately in their luggage.

## **6. Passports**

Please ensure that passports are ready. These passports will be collected by group supervisors at the drop off in the coach park on Saturday 5 July. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET.

## **7. Supervision Groups, Room Shares**

With a group of 73 boys and 7 staff, we have a good rate for staff supervision. We have grouped the boys according to year group where possible. The staff supervisors will keep a close eye on their groups and the boys will check in and consult with supervisors in the first instance.

I attach sheets detailing staff supervision groups, consent form and important information.

Yours sincerely

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