



# ABINGDON

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

To: Parents of pupils on the Spain Tour 5 – 12 July 2014

27 June 2014

Dear Parents

## **Orchestral/Choir Tour 5 – 12 July 2014 (letter 8)**

Please read the following carefully – it includes important information which you will need to have ready to hand before and on our day of departure – Saturday 5 July. I look forward to seeing many parents at the rehearsal day on Sunday 29 June at 15.30 hrs.

### **1. Departure arrangements Saturday 5 July**

15.15 hrs. Bags to coaches in Faringdon Road Coach Park. If you wish to see your sons off, please drop them off with bags and instruments, drive into school to park, then return on foot. **Passports to be collected by staff supervisors.**

15.45 hrs. Coaches depart. Supervision groups to board coaches as follows:

Coach 1 – Groups: G (M Stinton), B (C Stinton), D (Hallinan) A (Phillips)  
Coach 2 – Groups: F (Cotton), E (Dawswell), C (Barnes)

### **2. Return arrangements Saturday 12 July**

21.30 hrs. Est. Time of Return, Faringdon Road, Coach Park (This should be earlier as we hope to catch an earlier ferry). Please **park in school** and walk to Coach Park to meet your sons. In the event of delay, we will telephone ahead to contacts and parents will be contacted by email from school.

### **3. Hand Luggage: Music Stands and packed supper / breakfast / lunch**

It is suggested that each boy brings a rucksack for use on the journeys and when travelling to concerts. It should be big enough for a music stand/ packed lunch/ clean shirt etc. Boys need to bring a packed supper and something for breakfast and lunch (or some euros to purchase en route). **Music stand can be in main luggage on outward journey.**

### **4. Passports, Currency etc.**

All persons travelling should be in possession of their **own passport** by departure. Staff supervisors will check that all is in order and collect from pupils at the coach park on departure.

Recommended currency: €90 – €130

## **5. Consent Forms / Passport copies (to Music Secretary)**

Some parents appear to have not yet sent this in. **Please do so by return.** This is to enable us to help you and your sons in the event of an emergency.

## **6. Checklist**

A reminder for each boy to bring:

- Black shoes, long grey trousers, two white shirts, orchestra ties
- Instrument
- Spare reeds, strings, mutes, (bows for Double Bass and Cellos).
- Music stand and music in main luggage.
- Hat, insect repellent, sunscreen, money belt with currency in euros.
- Waterproof to protect in the event of inclement weather

## **7. Personal message from Tour Leader**

Parents will be aware that I am taking on a substantial burden of responsibility. Any ill-advised or inappropriate behaviour by a member of this large group will cause, at best, a great deal of inconvenience. Whilst I am optimistic about the boys' conduct, I would be grateful if this message could be spelt out to them by parents.

## **8. Contacting boys**

I will be asking the boys to give their mobile phone number to their group supervisor. This is just a precaution in case of need.

## **9. Safety / Supervision matters**

Boys will be closely supervised when out and about. They will need to be reminded of the need to look carefully when crossing roads. Boys will not be allowed to circulate in groups of less than three. They will be provided with emergency cards, Barcelona maps and some simple Spanish phrase cards.

## **10. Hotel Contact in Barcelona**

From Sunday 6 July, 18.00 to Friday 11 July, 09.00

### **Can Fisa Hotel**

[www.canfisa.com](http://www.canfisa.com)

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Yours sincerely

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