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CMA Summer Tour – Vienna 2018

Friday 20th – Friday 27th July 2018

Dear Students and their parents,

We are planning a concert tour to Vienna in July 2018 for Youth Choir, Concert Band, Senior Jazz Band and Symphony Orchestra. The tour will include formal performances for each group as well as sight-seeing opportunities and leisure time. Vienna's proximity to Slovakia means we will also have time visit Bratislava and our return journey will take us to Markt Schierling in Germany for a grand musical finale!

The tour is being organised through a specialist provider, Musica Europa, who co-ordinated our senior tours to Paris and Salzburg in recent years. CMA's team of experienced teachers and music leaders will provide pastoral care for the students, with Andy Rogers acting as Party Leader.

The party will stay in 3- and 4-bedded rooms at the JUFA Hotel Wien City (www.jufa.eu/hotel/wien).

The cost of the tour, which includes all travel costs and accommodation on a half board basis is £755 per person. To spread the cost of the tour we ask for a deposit cheque of £155 to be made with your application along with 6 post-dated cheques for £100 each (dated 1st January, 1st February, 1st March, 1st April, 1st May and 1st June). If you prefer to do so, you may pay the full amount in one instalment with your application. It is CMA's intention that no-one be excluded on financial grounds. Cases of financial hardship will be considered by the Principal and Trustees when received in writing by the closing date for applications – Saturday 7th October.

Please note, it is necessary for all participants to have their own travel insurance for the tour. We are aware that many families already have policies in place providing cover for trips such as this, for instance, as a benefit of their bank account. For those without, a typical policy for the trip costs about £10 from the major providers.

Itinerary

A *draft* itinerary is given below. Confirmation of the exact programme will only be possible once we know we have viable numbers for each ensemble.

Friday 20th July 3pm: depart High Wycombe. Ferry Crossing: Dover to Calais

- Saturday 21st July Arrive Salzburg
- Sunday 22nd July Youth Choir lunchtime recital in St Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna
Evening concert for Concert Band and Senior Jazz Band in Vienna
- Monday 23rd July Visit to Piest'any, Slovakia
Evening Concert in Congress Hall, Piest'any for Youth Choir, Symphony Orchestra and Senior Jazz Band
- Tuesday 24th July Morning: free time in Vienna
Evening Concert in St Martin's Minster, Bratislava, Slovakia for Concert Band, Symphony Orchestra and Youth Choir
- Wednesday 25th July Morning: free time in Vienna
Evening concert for Concert Band, Senior Jazz Band and Symphony Orchestra in the museum district, Vienna
- Thursday 26th July Morning: Check out Hotel, depart for Markt Shierling, Germany
Evening Concert in Markt Shierling for all groups
After concert: overnight travel to UK
- Friday 27th July Ferry Crossing: Calais to Dover
6.00pm: arrive High Wycombe

In order to secure the accommodation and concert venues we need confirmed commitment from interested students as soon as possible. Please print and return the attached Consent Form with appropriate documentation by Saturday 7th October **at the latest** to secure your place.

Kind regards

Andy Rogers

Principal, CMA
Party Leader, Vienna 2018