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CMA Summer Tour – Lake Garda 2020

Friday 17th – Friday 24th July 2020

Dear Students and their parents,

We are planning a concert tour to Lake Garda in July 2020 for Youth Choir, Concert Band, Big Band and Symphony Orchestra. The tour will include formal performances for each group as well as sight-seeing opportunities and leisure time. Our return journey will take us via Lugano in Switzerland for a Grand Finale Concert.

The tour is being organised through a specialist provider, Musica Europa, who co-ordinated our senior tours to Paris, Salzburg and Vienna 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 Hotel Gardesano in Bussolegno.

The cost of the tour, which includes all travel costs and accommodation on a half board basis and travel insurance is £850 per person. To spread the cost of the tour, we ask for a non-refundable deposit of £250 to be made with your application followed by five further payments of £100 each on 1st January, 1st February, 1st March, 1st April, 1st May. 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 – Friday 25th October.

Draft 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.



Hotel Gardesano

Friday 17th July 4pm: depart High Wycombe. Ferry Crossing: Dover to Calais

Saturday 18th July Arrive Hotel Gardesano, Bussolegno

Sunday 19th July Visit to Verona
Youth Choir sing at Mass in Cattedrale di Verona
Evening concert in Pescantina for Symphony Orchestra and Youth Choir



Verona



Garda

Monday 20th July Visit to Peschiera, boat trip to Garda
Evening Concert in Bardolino for Concert Band and Big Band

Tuesday 21st July Free time / swimming followed by visit to
Malcesine. Evening Concert in Malcesine for Symphony Orchestra
and Youth Choir

Wednesday 22nd July Free time / swimming followed by trip to
Lazise. Evening concert at Piazza Beccherie for Concert Band and
Big Band

Thursday 23rd July Morning: Check out Hotel, depart for
Lugano, Switzerland. Evening Concert in Piazza Riforma, Lugano
for all groups. After concert: overnight travel to UK

Friday 24th July Ferry Crossing: Calais to Dover
4.00pm: arrive High Wycombe

In order to secure the accommodation and concert venues we need confirmed commitment from interested students as soon as possible.

All applications for the tour must be via Parent Pay – the form will be available from Monday 23rd September. Please complete all the relevant sections including any specific medical needs or dietary requirements. Consent for your child to swim at the Hotel (pool with lifeguard) during designated free times, is required. You can do so via the form on Parent Pay.

All applications and payments are to be made by Friday 25th October.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions

Kind regards

Andy Rogers

Principal, CMA
Party Leader, Lake Garda 2020