

Thursday 20 October 2022

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Victoria College Music Tour to Italy October 2023

It has been many years since Victoria College last undertook an overseas music trip, and as it has been a regular part of my school life to arrange foreign tours for school musicians, I am pleased to propose going to a beautiful town in Tuscany which is within easy reach of Florence, Pisa and Siena.

The tour will be open to Years 8, 9, 10, 12 and 13 and will take place next academic year over the October 2023 half term. We propose to take the concert band, choir and string groups although there may be some flexibility in this, depending on the balance of instrumentalists.

We will leave London on 24 October flying to Pisa via the UK and travelling to Montecatini Terme, a lovely resort in Tuscany where we will stay for 5 nights and 6 days (plus travel to and from Jersey). We will visit Pisa, Lucca and Siena, and will perform in venues in these places, returning on 29 October. The hotel that we will stay in is a family run hotel, with rooms set up for groups of 4.

We are using a company that I have used many times before, Club-Europe, and indeed, because this is College's first tour, we are staying in the same hotel that I stayed in last time I toured in Italy (that time we had 64 musicians playing and singing in Florence and Pisa).

We anticipate the cost of the tour to be £1,000-£1,100 per person. The figure has not been finalised but is based on 35 students. To secure a place please use this link and transfer the non-refundable deposit of £200, by 31 October 2022, using the details provided below.

I hope that you will be interested in taking part in this new venture.

Kind regards,

Mr F Murton
Director of Music

Terms and Conditions

- Deposit payments are non-refundable and are due by the date stated in the letter.
- Should you decide to withdraw your son from the trip after the payment of a deposit you
 will be liable for any costs incurred by Victoria College as a result of that decision.
- Payments for trips must be made in full by the dates specified, otherwise Victoria College may reserve the right to refuse participation in the trip.
- All payments should be made by cheque or bank transfer as indicated in the letter.

Insurance

All student travel is insured through the States of Jersey travel insurance policy. Should your child be unable to travel, for whatever reason, there will be a £50 excess payable to recover the travel and accommodation costs only. All other costs incurred as part of the trip are not covered and therefore these expenses would have to be forfeited. You may wish to arrange further insurance to cover this eventuality.

Additional Costs

Whilst every effort is made to plan the budget of a trip, there can be unforeseen changes to the itinerary at short notice. Should any changes cause a shortfall in the funds available we may ask you to make a further payment to cover these costs, however, should there be a surplus of funds on return from this trip refunds will be made.

Payment

Payment to be made of £200 direct to the Victoria College School Fund bank account:

Sort code 40-25-34 Account 31237632

Reference Student name & trip name

The remaining balance will be required in instalments to be made from February to June 2023.