



# The Castle School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are excited to announce that we have agreed new deferred dates for next year's concert tour to Baden-Baden, Black Forest, Germany, which will take place from Thursday 23 June - Monday 27 June 2022!

This change of dates impacted on last year's Year 11 students who will have now left The Castle School and will therefore not be able to come. Consequently, there are now additional places available for any singer or instrumentalist who would like to go.

Traditionally the concert tour would comprise of three outdoor public performances. We began rehearsal for the tour last year in preparation for the hugely successful 'Summer Showcase' held in July. Our attention now will focus on our annual Christmas concert and our 2022 production 'High School Musical' Rehearsals for the music concert tour will recommence in January 2022.

The total cost of the tour will be £663 per student based on a minimum of 45 students. The total cost will include all meals, travel by ferry and use of a coach for the full five days, two excursions, entrance to Europe's second biggest theme park (final day treat!) and a tour performance t-shirt; everything except for students' personal spending money.

The tour will be open to all musicians at The Castle School (singers as well as instrumentalists) who regularly attend one or more weekly rehearsals. We will go ahead with the booking as long as we have a viable group to perform a balanced programme of 1-2 hours in length.

The tour will be organised by Club Europe who specialise in arranging excellent concert tours, and with whom we have enjoyed many such tours in the past. We are planning to perform three concerts in popular places around the area and there will be organised excursions to places of interest such as Europa Theme Park, castle ruins and a river cruise!

If the trip cannot take place due to FCO advice in the UK or in the destination city/region then, as an ABTA member, Club Europe will be required to make alternative arrangements, such as a deferral, or if that is not possible, Club Europe are obliged to issue the school a full refund of all monies paid.

If you would like your son/daughter to reserve a place on this tour, please can you email the finance office ([finance@castle.somerset.sch.uk](mailto:finance@castle.somerset.sch.uk)) with the following details

- your son/daughter's name and form group
- Instrument played or vocals?
- Extra-curricular musical activities they have previously regularly attended

Successful performers will be notified by email and letter and a deposit of £50 will be required as soon as possible.

Year 11s please note that the tour leave time is after the Year 11 Prom (approx. 1.00am on Thursday 23 June).

Places will be allocated to Year 11 performers/vocalists first and then on a first come first served basis. Payments can be made on a monthly basis and you will be given a payment card to record these.

Yours sincerely

Nic Adams Head of Music