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Dear Parents/Carers

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We are excited to announce that we are planning our next year's concert tour to Baden-Baden, Black Forest, Germany, which will take place from Thursday 24 June to Monday 28 June 2021! Traditionally the concert tour would comprise of 3 outdoor public performances. We will start individual rehearsal for the tour in September with the hope that nearer the date advice regarding performances will be relaxed in order for us to rehearse together.

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 5 days, two excursions, entrance to Europe's second biggest theme park (final day treat!) and a tour performance t-shirt; everything except 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 UK or in the destination city/region then, as an ABTA member Club Europe will be required to find an alternative arrangement that can be undertaken (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 school's Finance Office (finance@castle.somerset.sch.uk) with the following details:

- your son/daughter's name and form
- 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 £80 will be required by 24 July 2020, with further payments of £80 in September and December 2020. The remaining balance will be due by Easter 2021.

Year 11s will be pleased to know that the 2021 prom is being held on Tuesday 22 June 2021 and the date does not clash with the music concert tour! 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

Mr N Adams, Head of Music

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