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Sponne School
A Music & Science Academy

09/10/2025

Dear Parent / Carer

Proposed Band Tour to Paris - Sunday 12th July – Wednesday 15th July 2026.

Further to previous communication, I can confirm that based on the 'expression of interest' responses, we are planning a band tour to Paris in July (subject to all those who expressed an interest paying deposits to ensure a viable group).

This will be a four day, 3 night trip to Paris staying at the B&B Disneyland hotel. The visit includes breakfast and evening meals and 2 or 3 concerts. The rooms are likely to be 3 or 4 beds, so it is possible that some students may be in a room with either students the year below or year above, but we would always try to ensure that they are roomed with at least one friend. Whilst we hope to spend a day at Disney, based on current information we will not be able to do a concert at Disney unless a concert slot is released. Excursions would be likely to include a boat trip on the Seine and a visit to Montparnasse as well as free time in and around Paris. Lunches will need to be purchased.

The expected cost of the trip is £790 (providing all places are taken) including all transport via executive coach and standard ferry, half board accommodation, entrance fees and travel insurance. I recommend that insurance is obtained by students for their instruments.

To formally book a place on this trip, please can the £75 deposit be made on Scopay by **Friday 17th October.** This is a slight extension to the original date I indicated. Please be aware that I will have to make a final decision about the tour based on the number of deposits that are paid by 17th October and the viability of the band (i.e. that we have the appropriate range of instruments).

If your son /daughter is booked on an existing MFL trip at the same time, it would be possible for them to swap. The deposit and payments made so far would be transferred. Please contact trips@sponne.org.uk if you would like to change trips.

Your child will need his or her own passport with an expiry date no earlier than 16th January 2027 as well as a valid GHIC (NHS Health Insurance Card).

Further payments will be required in line with the Payment Plan detailed. It is important that the Plan is adhered to as it enables the School to be able to fulfil an arranged commitment with the tour operator to pay invoices in instalments. It is also designed to spread the cost for parents before the final date so that a large sum does not become due in one instalment.

Instalment	Amount	Due date
Deposit	£75	By 17th October 2025
1st instalment	£150	By end November 2025
2nd instalment	£150	By end January 2026
3rd instalment	£150	By end February 2026
4th Instalment	£150	By end March 2026
Final instalment	£115	By end April 2026
Total	**£790**	

Please be advised that should a place be booked for your son/daughter and they later withdraw, we always endeavour to find a replacement student for the place. However if this is not possible, the tour operators' terms and conditions state they will retain up to 100% of the trip price depending on the date of withdrawal.

Should concerns be raised by school staff regarding behaviour or attendance issues of students (including at rehearsals), the school reserves the right to withdraw places on the trip at any time. Should this become necessary no refunds of monies paid will be forthcoming other than in accordance with the tour operator's terms and conditions above.

All payments should be made via Scopay. If you require any assistance, please contact the Trip Administrator on trips@sponne.org.uk on 01327 350284.

I hope I have covered the main details but if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at CUnderwood@sponne.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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