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Dear Parent/Carer

Music Tour to Italy – 25-29 March 2026

After the success of last year's Music Tour to Belgium tour, I am delighted to inform you that this year's Music Department tour will be a Choir Tour to Italy in March 2026. The tour will be for 5 days and 4 nights and is primarily a choir tour. We will be singing Faure's Requiem and other repertoire at three venues. Students are welcome to join the choir in order to take part in the tour – **it will be essential for all students going on the tour to rehearse on Tuesday lunchtimes from after Christmas until the tour.** We will leave on Wednesday 25 March and return on Sunday 29 March. The cost of the trip is £960 and is all-inclusive. The cost includes:

- A bespoke itinerary plan to be sent out next year once venues are confirmed.
- 24-hour emergency support
- UK Airport Assistance (Outbound Journey)
- Return flights from Gatwick airport
- One piece of checked-in hold luggage per person each way.
- Airport Transfer in Italy
- 4 nights at a 3-star hotel in twin, triple or quad rooms.
- 4 x breakfasts
- 4 x evening meals
- Donations to the cathedrals/churches that we perform at
- Travel insurance

It does not include travel visas, meals en-route or free-time activities. If you would like your child take part in this tour, please pay a £240 deposit and the first instalment via WisePay **as soon as possible**.

Further instalments will be as follows:

- £240 by 30 September 2025
- £240 by 1 November 2025
- £240 by 1 January 2026

Or you are welcome to pay the full amount upfront. The number of places is limited to 45 and these will be allocated on a first-paid basis of the deposit or full payment. Further information will be distributed once I

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have a list of those who wish to come on the trip. Please be aware that payment on WisePay for the trip constitutes permission to attend this trip.

Once you have paid the deposit, please also complete these forms for overseas trips:

- EHIC/GHIC <https://forms.office.com/e/mTkqFeHw4M>
- Code of Conduct <https://forms.office.com/e/ThT0LzyP9R>
- Passport details <https://forms.office.com/e/b016DHLCHB>

For the purpose of trip safety, emergency contact and medical information for students will be taken from the school database. Please check and update school with any changes via the Arbor app or by email to Office@newsteadwood.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Flanagan', written in a cursive style.

Mr S Flanagan
Head of Music