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Dear Parent,

As the Chapel Choir's tour approaches I wanted to write with some final details. The emergency mobile number will be 07522 480710 and the phone will be with me throughout the trip. Please advise if there is anything you would like me to note down with regard to medication or dietary needs in advance; I will, of course, check with Sickbay as well. Staff on the trip will be Rebecca Paul, Kevin Whitley, Phillip Gratton, Paul Russell and myself.

Students should bring a small bag with enough clothes and toiletries to see them through three days. Given the time of year, it is important that students bring sufficient warm clothing, comfortable shoes alongside black smart shoes for performances and a waterproof coat – they should anticipate cold weather and rain. We will be performing in suits throughout the trip so it is important that they remember to bring their suit with them. The cost of all meals has been factored in as well as excursions but it would be useful for them to bring a small amount of pocket money (£20) to cover any additional drinks or snacks they may wish to buy along the way. Try to discourage students from bringing valuables as we are moving around a fair amount and there will be little chance to retrace steps.

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Friday 18th January 2019

We will be leaving college at 9.10am on Friday 18th January on a Lakeside Coach and travelling to Oxford. Students should dress in suits for day one but I am very happy for them to bring a jumper etc., in order to make themselves more comfortable on the coach. After dropping off our luggage at the Premier Inn at Oxford Business Park we will be dropped off in Oxford. I am hoping to take the group to the Pitt Rivers Museum followed by the Ashmolean. We are in rehearsal at Queen's College from 4.15pm. Owen Rees, Professor of Music at Queen's, is currently on sabbatical. We therefore have the rare treat of our evensong being directed by Edward Higginbottom, who was Organist and Director of Music at New College, Oxford from 1976 – 2014. After a separate rehearsal we will be joined by the choir of Queen's College and then sing Evensong at 6.30pm. We will be eating at Pizza Express after Evensong and then return to the Premier Inn.



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Saturday 19th January 2019

We will be checking out of Premier Inn and travelling to St George's Chapel, Windsor at 9.00am. When we arrive at the Castle we will have some preparation time in 'The Dungeon' before watching the Change of the Guard and then performing our lunchtime concert at 1.10pm. We will aim to leave Windsor at 2.30pm in order to drive into London and, if time, drop off our luggage at the Premier Inn, Earl's Court. I am hoping there will be time for a meal before we start rehearsals at Farm Street Church, Mayfair around 5.15pm. The concert starts at 7.00pm. We will return to Premier Inn after the concert.

Sunday 20th January 2019

After a busy schedule on Friday and Saturday, Sunday is all about leisure so we will aim for a leisurely start to the day before exploring one of the big museums in the morning. After lunch, there will be further time for those going to the Harry Potter Studios to visit another museum before making their way to Leavesden Studios for the visit at 4.30pm. Those going to the matinee of 'The Lion King' will make their way to the theatre and re-join the rest of the group later on. Our aim is to leave Leavesden Studios at 7.00pm in order to return to college by 11.00pm. We will be in a better position to advise on collection times on our return journey and I will ask students to keep in touch with you throughout.

Many thanks for your support in helping this tour to go ahead; these are unbelievable performance opportunities which I hope will make unforgettable memories. I am currently finalising details for a Choir tour to Vienna at the end of Lent term 2020, (we break up on 27th March and would go for six days) and I hope to be able to share this with you soon.

Best wishes,

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