



MYA/rmc

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to write to you with information about a proposed Music Tour to New Orleans in February 2027.

The tour dates will be over the February 2027 half term break - we are aiming to leave school on Friday 12 February (last day of term), returning at the end of the half term week, Saturday 20 February.

The plan is to fly direct from London Heathrow to Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, all transport and accommodation is included, with breakfast and dinner provided every day except for the days of travel; a hot meal will be provided on both the outbound and inbound flight and students will receive breakfast on Friday 19 February but beyond that they will need money to purchase lunch/dinner at the airport. Lunch is not currently included in the initial price but with enough fundraising we may be able to issue lunch vouchers for students to use each day, otherwise students will need to have enough spending money to buy lunch every day.

The aim of the tour is to give students the opportunity to experience and explore New Orleans - the birthplace of Jazz! A proposed itinerary has been put together for us by Muisca Europa which includes:

Performances at:

Mardi Gras World
Riverside Outlets
Mississippi Steamboat Concert
Local High School or The University of New Orleans

Accompanied tours:

Guided tour of the French Quarter
Bayou Boat tour
Mardi Gras World
Preservation Hall Jazz Workshops
Tipitina's Meet and Greet
Steamboat Dinner

Free Time Exploring:

Louis Armstrong Park
Congo Square
Jackson Square Musicians
Botanical Gardens

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As you will see there are numerous performance opportunities for our students, in the past we have only invited specific ensembles but this year we would like to ensure as many students as possible have access to such a wonderful opportunity and so the trip is not limited to specific groups but open to all musicians in Years 11-13 (in the 2026-2027 academic year). We will work with the instrumentalists/vocalists that we have, to arrange a short concert programme of varying styles and genres.

Lots more details will follow including firm pricing once flights have been released and we have a better understanding of student numbers, but currently we are looking at an estimated cost of **£2800 per student**, this includes transport, accommodation, half-board meals and all activities/excursions. This price is based on 25 Students attending, if we reach 30 or more students then the cost may come down slightly, we may also be able to save on flight costs which are currently budgeted at £860 per person. Within the costing we have offered £7000 towards the trip through fundraising, we will contribute some money from the 'Friends of NSB Music' pot and will then look to fundraise further at upcoming events and concerts, with an extra push we could potentially raise closer to £10,000 and this could have a positive impact on the costs involved per person.

At this stage we would ask that you express an interest for your child to attend the trip by consenting on Evolve, once we have numbers confirmed we can write to you again with a proposed payment schedule. Please can we ask that you do not consent on evolve unless you are confident you can commit to the costs involved, even with additional fundraising and lower flight costs it will probably be no less than £2500 per student.

Please do email if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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