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Dear Parent/Carer

Sackville School is delighted to offer the opportunity for your child to travel to the Rhineland as part of a concert tour in 2015. The school is inviting all members of Samba!, Junior Choir, Sackville Singers, Little Big Band, Orchestra, the cast of Hairspray and Big Band to perform at a variety of venues throughout the Rhineland. We are also taking a selection of student bands and there are one or two spaces for technical roles.

The Rhineland is a historically rich area of Germany, boasting over 270 castles and home to legendary figures such as the Lorelei Maiden. The quaint and pretty half-timbered villages and exciting, bustling cities provide a wealth of opportunities for exciting excursions and musically enriching concerts. Stunning panoramic views can be absorbed from either the air or land – with Rhine cruises and cable car rides proving ever popular to students and adults alike. To top it all off, the birthplace of Beethoven also offers some wonderful concert venues and musical experiences – from churches and cathedrals, to spa halls and bandstands.

The tour itself is being organised by Rayburn Tours, an experienced operator that has been successfully running concert, education and ski tours for almost 50 years. Their team of experts will be working hard to ensure that your child not only gets an enriching musical experience, but also makes memories that they will cherish for years to come.

You are invited to make a voluntary contribution of **£499 per student** for the tour, for **6 days and 5 nights** between **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015**, which is based upon **64 paying students**. I must, however, tell you that as the school could not bear the cost of the visit, the visit will not take place unless all parents, who are able, are willing to contribute.

The price includes the following:

- Use of a twin deck executive coach and trailer for the entirety of the tour
- Return short channel crossing
- 5 nights full board accommodation at the Hotel Görres in Wachtberg
- The services of an experienced tour coordinator that will tailor the itinerary and book all concerts and excursions – liaising with the school from the point of booking up right up until the return from the tour!
- 24 hour emergency contact whilst away on tour

The Hotel Görres is located in the very friendly town of Wachtberg not far from Bonn, the birthplace of Beethoven. The warm and friendly atmosphere at the hotel is second to none, and the cosy restaurant serves up traditional, hearty homemade meals. The hotel itself has its own bowling alley, providing endless hours of evening entertainment! The en-suite rooms are spacious and well-equipped, with satellite television and WiFi.

If you would like to secure a place on this trip for your child, a non-refundable deposit of £40 will be required per person. The payment should be made using the online system; alternatively a cheque made payable to Sackville School can be forwarded to the finance office. Please complete the form





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below indicating which musical ensemble your child will be a part of and return it to the finance office by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November.**

To be fully prepared for this event, it is expected that your child will need to attend rehearsals every week. Please find below a list of the activities and the times they are on:

Samba!	Monday	3.00pm-3.45pm	E06
Little Big Band	Tuesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	E06
Orchestra	Wednesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	E06
Sackville Big Band	Thursday	3.00pm-4.00pm	E06
Sackville Singers	Wednesday	1.10pm-1.55pm	E06
Sackville Junior Choir	Tuesday	8.20am-8.50am	E06

Student bands will be required to book a room on a regular basis to ensure that they are ready for the trip.

Finally, this is going to be a fantastic trip, one that your child will remember for the rest of their lives.

Yours sincerely

Mr N Nicholson  
**Curriculum Leader of Music**

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To: Finance office

I would like my child ..... (name) of form ..... to participate in the trip to Germany 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

I have paid a deposit of £40 online/I enclose a cheque for £40 made payable to Sackville School (please delete as appropriate)

My child will attend at least one of the following (please tick):

Samba!	<input type="checkbox"/>	Little Big Band	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orchestra	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sackville Big Band	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sackville Singers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sackville Junior Choir	<input type="checkbox"/>
Student Band	<input type="checkbox"/>	Name of band _____	
As a Sound Technician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cast from Hairspray	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed ..... Parent/Carer Date .....

