

21st May 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

Music Tour – Italy – Monday 13th-19th July 2026

Thank you for your responses to our recent questionnaire regarding the prospective music tour to Italy during the summer term of 2026. Please accept my apologies for the delay in providing an update.

Unfortunately, the initial level of interest was insufficient to secure the original quote. However, after further discussions with our travel company, we have received a revised quote based on varying student numbers. Please see the updated costs below:

Number of Students	Full Cost per Student	Deposit
39–41	£1070	£100 non-refundable deposit by 6 th June
36–38	£1094	
33–35	£1127	
30–32	£1147	

According to the questionnaire responses, 31 students have expressed interest. I have also contacted our feeder primary schools to explore the possibility of including prospective Year 7 students (currently in Year 6). My aim is to increase participation, reduce the cost per student, and extend this exciting opportunity to our new intake.

Tour Overview

Here is a reminder of what the tour will include. Please note that the final itinerary will be confirmed once we can confirm viability:

Organised by: Halsbury Travel

- Depart Monday 13th July – return to STM Sunday 19th July 2026
- 7-day tour with 4 nights in resort
- Coach travel and ferry crossing
- Half-board accommodation in a Lake Garda hotel (with pool)
- Lunch provided while in resort and for the return journey
- Two concert performances
- **Day trip to Verona** – Visit Juliet's balcony and house museum, Arena di Verona, and enjoy an evening meal at a local restaurant



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- **Day trip to Venice** – Guided tour of St Mark's Basilica, visit Doge's Palace and St Mark's Square, and explore the Music Museum
- **Day at Gardaland Theme Park**
- **Visit to Peschiera** – Boat trip on Lake Garda to Sirmione, explore the town and visit Castello Scaligero di Sirmione
- Lunch at a pizzeria
- Comprehensive travel and medical insurance
- Tourist taxes
- Performance T-shirt

Next Steps

I plan to circulate this letter to students currently in Years 7–10, as well as to our local primary schools.

If you are happy to commit to the tour at the estimated cost of between **£1070 and £1147**, please complete the attached form and pay the **non-refundable deposit of £100** via **ParentPay** by **6th June**.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Kind regards,

Shelley Gray

Head of Expressive Art

It is also worth noting that on school trips it may be necessary to share information about your child with the venue, accommodation and transport providers for legal and safeguarding reasons. If required, we may also need to share details about your child with our insurers. As agreed already via a consent form with the school: photographs, videos and recordings may be taken of your child whilst on the trip for use on our social media and/or display within school.



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