

Young Jazz 1
Senior Wind Band
Salisbury Youth Orchestra



Tour 2020, Harz, Germany

Dear Players and Parents/Carers

Typically, we have toured with the senior groups on a three-year cycle with recent tours going to Liege and Saintes. These tours have been a great success, for many a highlight of their teenage years. An opportunity to work together setting up and performing at different venues, becoming even better ensembles, and of course socially making new friends and building on existing friendships. Ambassadors of our wonderful tradition of youth music making in the United Kingdom!

We are hoping that this tour will be equally successful with lots of opportunities to perform in bandstands churches and halls. The proposed destination is the beautiful Harz region of Germany. There is high-quality hostel accommodation, great concert venues and the promise of good audiences. The dates are - leaving in the evening on Monday 13 July and returning in the evening on Sunday 19 July 2020. We are aware that this will still be in term time at the end of the academic year. With the educational/social/musical benefits of such a trip schools have always been happy to give leave of absence for our young musicians to participate.

A specialist tour company has quoted a price of about £560 for a 6 day/5-night trip. We hope the final figure will be slightly less, but it will depend on the number of young musicians travelling and fluctuating exchange rates. The tour is open to all members of the ensembles and we do not want financial considerations to prevent your participation. We are pleased to say that financial assistance towards the cost is available both in individual cases and for families with multiple young musicians in the ensembles. So please do let me know if we can help - manager@saym.org.uk

The viability of the tour is dependent on there being workable performing ensembles for the planned concerts. The tour company is holding rooms in the hostel so will need some idea of the number of participants as soon as possible. I would be grateful, therefore, if you would think about the proposal and return the form below as soon as possible and definitely by Friday 5 July. Reply slips can be returned at rehearsals or you can send an email to admin@saym.org.uk.

Look forward to hearing from you - we always have a great time!

Richard Parsons, Manager, SAYM

Proposed SAYM Tour – July 2020

Name of Player:

Ensemble:

I would / would not* like to take part in the SAYM tour in July 2020 (* delete as appropriate)

Signed (Parent/Carer):

Date