



Music Department Belgium Concert Tour

Friday 22th – Monday 25th March

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Day 1

- 04:45 hrs** Meet at school to load luggage ready for departure. We would suggest that the group take provisions from home for the journey and suitable stops will be made en route as necessary.
- 05:15 hrs** Depart school
- 12:40 hrs** Check in at DFDS Seaways (Short Sea) Terminal Dover.
- 14:40 hrs** Depart Dover
- 17:10 hrs** Arrive at Calais (local time)
- 18:30 hrs** Anticipated arrival at **Hotel Oude Abdij** where the group will spend the next 3 night(s) with full board accommodation. Towels will not be provided by the hotel.

Evening meal will be served at the hotel.

Saturday 23rd March



Day 2

- 07:00 hrs** Continental breakfast will be served at the hotel.
- 08:00 hrs** Group to load instruments and board on coach.
- 08:30 hrs** Group to depart to **Choco story**.
- 10:00 hrs** Arrive for visit to Choco-Story.
- 12:00 hrs** Arrive for a confirmed reservation at **Bootexcursions Gruuthuse bvba** (canal cruise)
- 12:30 hrs** Canal Cruise to end group to make way to concert, group to have their packed lunches.
- 14:00 hrs** Arrive for your confirmed concert performance.

Saturday 23rd March cont...



Day 2

17:00 hrs Group to have free time as directed by the group.

18:00 hrs Group to depart to accommodation

19:30 hrs Arrive at the accommodation.

Evening meal will be served at hotel.

Sunday 24th March



Day 3

- 07:00 hrs** Continental breakfast will be served at the hotel.
- 08:00 hrs** Group to load coach ready for departure.
- 08:30 hrs** Depart the accommodation.
- 09:30 hrs** Arrive for concert performance
- 12:15 hrs** Group to board the coach and depart for Plopsaland.
- 13:00 hrs** Arrive for a visit to **Plopsaland**. Eat packed lunch.
- 17:30 hrs** Group to depart Plopsaland.

Sunday 24th March cont...



Day 3

- 18:00 hrs** Group to arrive at the beach for free time
- 19:00 hrs** Group to depart to accommodation
- 20:00 hrs** Arrive at the accommodation.
Evening meal will be served at hotel.

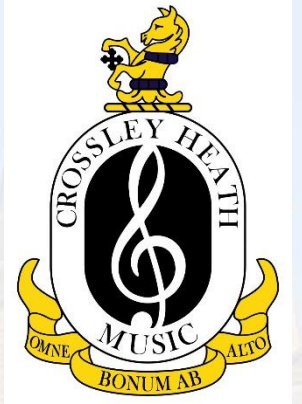
Monday 25th March



Day 4

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| 07:30 hrs | Continental breakfast will be served at the hotel. |
| 08:30 hrs | Group to load coach ready for departure. |
| 09:00 hrs | Group to depart the accommodation for Calais. |
| 10:50 hrs | Check in at DFDS Seaways (Short Sea) Terminal Calais. |
| 12:50 hrs | Depart Calais. Eat packed lunch. |
| 13:20 hrs | Arrive at DFDS Seaways (Short Sea), Dover Terminal. |
| 20:15 hrs | Anticipated arrival at school |

Packing tips



Flat comfortable shoes for sightseeing, waterproofs, layers, suncream/hat, medicine etc

Make sure any emergency medication is labelled and handed in to staff.

Mobiles phones will be at students own risk and they must be responsible for them

ALL emergency communication must go through staff. Students must ensure that they DO NOT post on social media or ring home

We do not recommend bringing other electrical devices but bring some activities for coach (minimal) like pen/notebook and a book to read

Water bottle

Separate bag for hand luggage (and to carry around Belgium)

Packing tips cont...



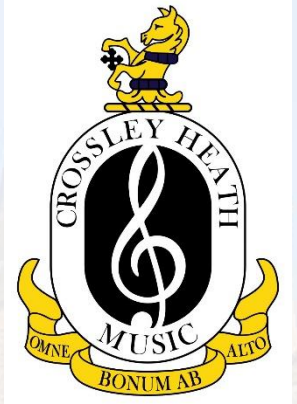
Money

The currency in Belgium is the Euro.

We recommend that students take about £100 in Euros with them on the visit in cash or on pre-payment card (Monzo etc).

They are responsible for looking after this.

Why are we going?



- This trip is designed to be a fun and exciting opportunity but also an opportunity to perform as musicians
- There will be two concert performances during the trip – one indoor and one outdoor
- If students are taking their own instrument(s) please ensure that it is insured either separately or as part of a home insurance policy – we are only covered for school instruments – we recommend that instruments are photographed including serial numbers and any damage before the trip for insurance purposes
- There will be a set up and pack down process for each concert – all students are expected to be involved as we are a team!

Staff attending



Mr Nimmo
Ms Peers
Mrs Barker
Mrs Callaghan
Mrs Hussain
Mr Cartmell

Mr Nimmo is leading the trip and will have the school mobile phone. All students will be given the number for this upon departure on a lanyard. It is expected that students will wear the lanyard at all times – this is for the unlikely event that students become separated from the group.

We would also like Hoodies to be worn as we travel to and from Belgium

Hotel



We will stay at Oude Abdij which is about a 60km drive from the centre of Bruges for 3 nights.

This accommodation is on a full board basis.

The hotel have yet to fully allocate rooming so we are not yet sure how many to a room. I will call a rooming meeting as soon as we know.



Meal arrangements

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Friday 22nd March

Students will need to purchase breakfast and lunch on journey

Evening meal provided by hotel

Saturday 23rd March and Sunday 24th March

Continental breakfast served at hotel

Packed lunches provided

Evening meal provided by hotel

Monday 25th March

Continental breakfast served at hotel

Packed lunches provided

Please can we check this evening that we have dietary requirements correct. There is a section for this on medical form (which we need asap please)

Concert Venues!



Sint-Jozef residential care centre



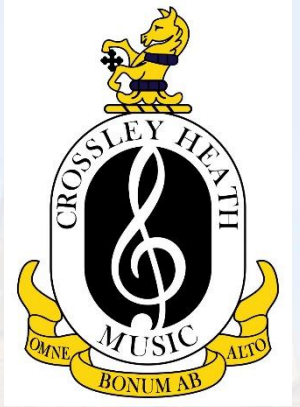
Hendrikaplein square - Nieuwpoort



Students – do not forget everything you need for the concert i.e. instruments, valve oil, reeds, leads etc as appropriate

Concert dress is black shirt/top, black trousers/skirt and smart shoes

Code of Conduct



- On the coach, sit facing the front at all times. Wear your seatbelt when the coach is moving.
- Stay seated until you are given permission to leave the coach.
- Follow carefully all instructions given by Crossley Heath staff. **During excursions make sure you are in groups of at least three at all times.**
- Make sure you know where and when to meet back with the rest of the group.
- Be punctual at all times.
- Use proper crossings when crossing roads.
- Watch out for traffic when crossing car parks.
- Do not post on social media – we will post on our Music Department Instagram
- Be polite and courteous at all times.
- Do not behave in a dangerous or rowdy manner. No pushing, running, shouting, singing, chanting or swearing.
- You must not smoke, drink alcohol or take illegal drugs.
- Eat sensibly. Do not eat excessively between meals.
- Drink plenty of water.

Code of Conduct cont...



- At the hotel do not go into other people's rooms for any reason
- Wear lanyard with school mobile number on at all times
- Look after your money and valuables.
- Do not buy goods from unauthorised traders.
- Do not speak to strangers unnecessarily.
- Do not mess around with sharp objects.
- If it is hot, wear sun cream, sunglasses and a hat.
- Make sure any emergency medication is labelled and handed in to staff.
- Do not use matches/lighters and do not start any fires.
- Dispose of all litter properly.
- THINK about safety at all times during the trip.

If your child normally self-medicates and you are happy for them to do so then that's fine but they must not pass medication to anybody else and they must let a member of staff know if they have taken medication (inhaler, paracetamol, travel sickness tablet etc – if in doubt hand medication in to staff.

Please check that you are happy (both parents and students) with these expectations and sign the sheet this evening. If you were unable to make the meeting, the code of conduct is attached to the email and can be sent back to me in school or electronically.

You also must fill in the V5 medical form and return this evening (or asap).

Other info



- Students will be assigned groups with one of our 6 members of staff taking charge of each group. **These groups are for counting purposes only. Students will not be expected to walk around in these groups. But, they must be in at least group of three, however, at all times – we will give a clear boundary and clear staff location when in Bruges**
- The groups will be allocated at the rooming meeting – time/date tbc
- Check data roaming on student phones to avoid a big bill!

Excursions



Plopsaland Theme Park



<https://www.plopsalanddepanne.be/en>

Choco Story



Canal Cruise



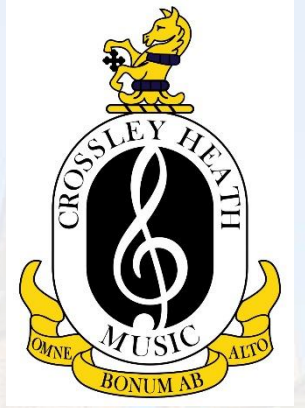
Nieuwpoort Beach



*Beach only – not in
water*



Our Travel Company



Established 1967 - over 45 years' experience

Government recommended health and safety policy

ABTA and ATOL protected - your payments are insured

Insurance cover and 24-hour medical assistance cover

Don't forget...



Passports – please hand in to reception by Friday 15th March – they will be locked in school safe until trip and staff will look after passports on trip (there is a safe at the hotel)

Money (or travel card) and GHIC card (please apply if you don't have one – if it doesn't arrive by the time of the trip the application will be enough)

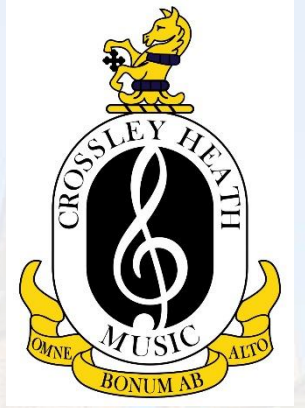
<https://services.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/cra/start>

Drop your child off at school (bus gate) at 04:45 on Friday 22nd March

Collect your child at school (bus gate) at 20:15 on Monday 25th March

If you have any questions or emergencies whilst your child is away, please call... 07793 270167

Any questions...



Please use this as an opportunity to ask any questions.

If you think of any later please email me directly r.nimmo@crossleyheath.org.uk



This PowerPoint will be emailed out to all parents for reference