



**TO THE
2022 BLOOMINGDALE
MUSIC DEPARTMENT
LONDON TRIP
MEETING**

October 5, 2022



By TODAY

- ✓ All music fees up to date
- ✓ All trip fees to date
- ✓ Copy of your passport **MUST BE** turned in to your Director

In order for a flight to be secured, your London trip payments (minus the \$250.00 Oct. 28th payment) and all music fees must be up to date.

Final payment must be made by 10/28/22 or their trip will be void and a monies will be forfeited.

Traveler manifest form must be completed by 10/10/22. <https://forms.office.com/r/QfHYpMinVz>



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<https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NTc0MTplbi1VUw==>

Fingerprinting completed for ALL adult travelers per the Jessica Lunsford Act. Completing the HCPS Volunteer Application is the first step in the process for volunteering in one of our schools. The volunteer application process includes Volunteer Policy and Procedure Acknowledgement, Information Collection and Background Check Authorization. Applications should be submitted at least two weeks prior to any volunteer activity. Allow longer for Level 2 Fingerprinting.

LEVEL 2 FINGERPRINTING is required for all overnight chaperones, any volunteer that has one-on-one limited/unsupervised interaction with students (including but not limited to overnight chaperones and any other occasion where the volunteer has limited supervision including some mentoring programs and/or if instructed by the district/school); or at the request of the district and/or school administration. Level 1 background approval is required prior to proceeding for fingerprinting. Fingerprint procedures and next steps are sent directly to volunteer/community partner via email after Level 1 background approval status has been determined. Additional fingerprinting is not required for verified current active HCPS employees.

AIRLINE INFORMATION



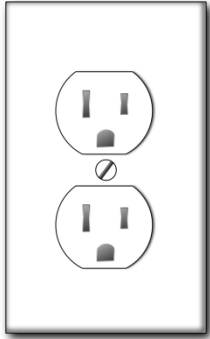
- Flight arrangements are in their final stages and will be released to us once all passengers are paid in full.
- The trip officially begins at your departure airport; therefore, your transportation to and from the Tampa and/or Orlando airport is on your own.
- Flights will be from Tampa and/or Orlando.

BAGGAGE/INSTRUMENTS TO LONDON

- Larger instruments will be shipped from the school directly to our hotel.
- Smaller instruments will be packed in main bag or as a carry-on.
- Insurance policy covers instruments.
- Main bag allowance is usually 50 lbs.
- More information will be available based on air carrier.
- We will clearly define which instruments are shipped and which ones must remain with the student during travel when we obtain that information.



HOTEL INFORMATION



- In the United Kingdom the power plugs and sockets are of type G. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.
- In the US, electricity comes out of the wall socket at 110 volts, alternating at 60 cycles per second. Not only the voltages and frequencies, but the sockets themselves are different. (Power Converters are available for purchase through various vendors in the U.S.)
- The event coordinators and hotel staff will not make arrangements with individuals contacting them directly.
- WIFI is free throughout hotel.

MORE HOTEL INFORMATION

- Room assignments to be completed on the traveler manifest form
- 2 persons per room
- Please be aware, any customizations of your trip needs to be discussed with Mr. Sever and will have additional fees at your expense.



WHEN IN LONDON:

Weather



- High Temperature (39 ° - 52°F) in Dec.
- Low Temperature (29° - 40° F) in Dec.
- High precipitation in Dec.- 21 days
- Hours of Sunshine (Daily) 2-3 hours per day in Dec.
- As we get closer to the departure dates, it will be wise to look online at weather trends.

Optional Items for sale...

first come first serve

once they are sold, they are out.

Expected date of arrival, beginning of December.

- Ear Bands \$15.00

Not exact, example

A black fabric ear band with the word "BLOOMINGDALE" printed in white capital letters in the center.

- Skull Caps \$20.00

Not exact, example



WHEN IN LONDON: COMMUNICATION



- PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CARRIER AND PHONE MANUFACTURER ON YOUR PARTICULAR PHONE FOR CHARGING RECOMMENDATIONS.
- PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CELL PHONE PROVIDER FOR RATES AS THEY CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE.
- THERE ARE SEVERAL APPS THAT YOU CAN USE TO COMMUNICATE VIA WIFI (IT IS FREE IN THE HOTEL AND MOST RESTAURANTS).

The Traveler Manifest Form has an area to accept/reject receiving REMIND while traveling.



The Music department will be using remind before and during the trip to send out important information. Please check with your carrier as it pertains to your text message charges when we are overseas.

The remind is for anyone traveling on the London trip

All Orchestra text @orchlondon to 81010

All Chorus text @bshschor to 81010

Band PARENTS text @bullondonp to 81010

Band STUDENTS text @bullondons to 81010

OR, use the QR code sheet provided tonight to sign up.



WHEN IN LONDON MONEY:



- LONDON IS ON THE POUND STERLING CURRENCY
- 10/3/22 EXCHANGE \$.89 PER US \$1.00

ALL BANKS, EXCHANGE SERVICES, AND CREDIT CARD COMPANIES WILL CHARGE AN EXCHANGE/CONVENIENCE FEE. PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR INSTITUTION FOR PRICING. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU EXCHANGE CURRENCY HERE IN THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE AWARE OF DEBIT/CREDIT CARD USE OVERSEAS.

MANY PLACES THROUGHOUT LONDON HAVE BECOME CASHLESS

\$300.00 US SPENDING MONEY SHOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH WHILE IN COUNTRY.

If you choose to carry cash, we recommend all passengers understand the exchange rates. There are areas to exchange at our travel venues; however, we highly recommend you get some money for each city in their currency to spend.

MORE INFORMATION?

- THIS SLIDE SHOW WILL BE POSTED ON THE FOLLOWING WEBSITES & ON THE QR CODE SHEET

www.bloomingleband.com

www.bloominglechorus.com

- THE INTERNET HAS UNLIMITED RESOURCES ABOUT TRAVEL AND OUR DESTINATIONS.
- SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH YOUR DIRECTOR IN PRIVATE.

THANK YOU
GOOD NIGHT!