

## Application to The Mason Trust

I am in the process of applying for a grant on behalf of SNYSB from The Mason Trust (a local charity based in Diss), to help raise funds for the trip to Malaysia.

The Trust has recommended that band members who are aged 12-25, and would like to benefit from any grant they might make, should individually write a personal letter to the Trustees.

This small amount of effort might prove very worthwhile!

If you would like to be part of this application, please let Paul Thompson have a copy of your letter by the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012, which should give you plenty of time to write something imaginative and original! I will then forward all letters received, on behalf of the band. If the application is successful, then proceeds will benefit those who made the effort to write letters.

The following advice should give you some ideas to help you with this, but don't simply copy – make it individual!

- Address your letter to 'Dear Trustees'
- Use an A4 sheet of paper
- If writing your letter by hand, make sure your writing is neat and can be read!
- Tell them a little bit about yourself

(Suggestions include: your age, where you live/go to school/how long have you been a band member/what instrument do you play? Anything else about yourself that might support your application)

- Explain why you really want to go on this trip
- How will YOU benefit from the trip?

(Remember you will experience and learn something about the culture of Malaysian people in Sabah and Sarawak; meet other young people; take part in a unique opportunity etc.)

- How will the band benefit from the trip?
- Who else will benefit from this trip?

(Remember your trip is NOT a holiday, but is at the invitation of the Rotary clubs of Kota Kinabalu (Sabah) and Kuching (Sarawak) and you will perform several major concerts to raise funds for local charities (including one venue with 5000 seats!); you will also give music workshops in local schools to over 300 children)

- How could you use the experience gained from this trip?

If you need any additional advice or information please contact me at

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Now get writing!