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Dear Sir Madam

New York 2015 – Oban High School

In April 2015, a group of musicians from Oban High School, comprising of members of the Pipe Band, Traditional School of Music and Choir, will travel to New York primarily to take part in the annual Tartan Day Parade and to give a concert in conjunction with a local pipe band. It is an opportunity for us not to only showcase the school but promote the town of Oban and its surrounding area.

This is the first time we have taken a group to the Tartan Day Celebrations and will be a once in a lifetime experience for our youngsters. The cost of flying/transporting the instruments to New York is estimated to be around £14,350 and we are seeking donations to assist in the transportation costs. This includes transportation of instruments, uniforms and additional instrument insurance. We would like to assure you that the monies we are seeking will only be used for these costs as each pupil is paying £1500 to cover their travel, accommodation, meals and excursions to be part of this once in a lifetime experience.

We realise you probably receive more of these “begging letters” than is possible for you to respond to, but any donation to help with these additional costs would be greatly appreciated and in return we will be very pleased to advertise your involvement in this project both locally and internationally. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter.

We have also attached a letter of endorsement from Oban, Lorn and the Isles Area Committee for your perusal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Morven Mckerrell'.

Morven Mckerrell
Music Teacher

