1 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas Concert 2021

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all instrumentalists and singers who have participated in extra-curricular music activities since September. I know that there has been difficulty and frustration with changes to timetables and how we deliver the sessions, but our talented performers have met the challenge with enthusiasm and resilience.

As we move towards the festive period we have decided that as we are in amber status, our annual Christmas Concert should be filmed and published online through our Facebook page and YouTube channel. The recordings will be raising money for Cancer Research UK; if you would like to donate there will be a Just Giving page accompanying the social media posts.

Musicians who have attended rehearsals and can play/sing the pieces will be required to attend two workshop recording sessions. Please see the following dates and groups of musicians required:

- Wednesday 8 December. Form time, Period 1 and 2 in the hall:
 Orchestra, Mini Orchestra, Woodwind Group
- Wednesday 15 December. Form time, Period 1 and 2 in the hall:
 String group, Choir (SATB and Year 7 and 8 singers), Year 11 GCSE Class

In addition to the filming, we will be showcasing our Christmas repertoire to Year 8s on Monday 13 December, period 4 and Year 7s period 5.

What to wear at the recordings and year group concerts

Students must wear school uniform but may bring tinsel/Christmas hat or other festive decorations. Christmas jumpers are also encouraged!

Once again, thank you to our performers, parents and wonderful instrumental and singing teachers who support and encourage rehearsal and extra-curricular participation.

We hope you enjoy the short films and have a happy and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Mr Adams Head of Music Miss Leech Music Teacher

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