



11 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Carol Concert, Monday 16 December at Ely Cathedral, 7:15pm

Your child has been working hard in music lessons this term to learn two Christmas songs, which the year 7 students will be singing together at Ely Cathedral as part of our Christmas Concert. They already sound fantastic, after just two weeks. We would love as many year 7 students as possible to be able to perform on the night, as they will have spent six lessons preparing for the final performance. This is always a wonderful, festive event and the Cathedral provides the most beautiful setting. The concert will feature a huge range of musical performances from students in all year groups. Students should arrive by 7pm latest. We expect the concert to finish at approximately 8:45pm.

Dress code is smart school uniform but the Cathedral can often feel chilly so students are advised to bring a coat, scarf and gloves in order to keep warm when they are off-stage and in the audience. However, they will have to remove these when they perform.

Ely Cathedral staff will be filming the evening so that it can be transmitted onto TV screens throughout the Cathedral and feature on a private YouTube channel after the event. Photographs are also taken during the evening. These pictures may then be used in school for display work, in presentations or publication in the school magazine or website and social media. If you do **not** wish your child to be filmed or photographed please contact me.

Tickets will be available to buy online from 7pm on Thursday 14 November at www.ticketsource.co.uk/sohamvc. They cost £10/£6 and **will sell out very quickly** so please do not delay if you would like to buy tickets. We would appreciate it if you could buy no more than 4 tickets per family. Please note that all tickets are non-refundable unless the concert is cancelled by Ely Cathedral. Students performing in the concert do not need a ticket.

Mulled wine will be available to purchase before the concert. Pushchairs cannot be stored in the aisles/next to seats so please be aware that these must be stored at the sides of the Cathedral, as directed by Cathedral staff.

In preparation for the big performance at Ely Cathedral, all year 7 students will be singing together for the Soham Over-60s Christmas Performance later in the term. This will take place in the Performing Arts Centre and provides a crucial opportunity for the entire year group to practice singing together before the final concert.

All rehearsal resources, including lyrics and backing tracks, can be found on your child's Music Google Classroom page, so please encourage them to practice with these at home, in preparation for the grand performance.

Yours sincerely,

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