



6th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 7 'megachoir' performance at Ely College's Nine Lessons & Carols at Ely Cathedral – Monday 11th December 2023

I am delighted to inform you that on Monday 11th December 2023, the Music Department will be presenting our annual Nine Lesson & Carols performance at Ely Cathedral. This evening will consist of a range of music (congregational carols, reflective choral and instrumental performances) and 'lessons' (secular and sacred readings). This is also the first time we will be using this beautiful space as our venue for this event, and we are incredibly fortunate to have also engaged the services of esteemed musicians from Prime Brass and our own piano teacher, Stephen Hession, to facilitate this special evening in the school calendar.

The Music Department are looking to involve the entire Year 7 cohort in this event and create a Year 7 'megachoir'. This Year 7 'megachoir' will perform a standalone item as part of the service, in addition to performing all congregation carols. All students will be taught the appropriate songs during their music lessons over the next month, in addition to a bespoke group rehearsal session with Miss Arnold, in preparation for the event. This performance opportunity offers a fantastic opportunity for students to perform alongside their peers, and to gain their participation PLEDGE.

Further details regarding in-school rehearsals and logistical arrangements for the evening of the performance including dress code will be sent out very soon, however, please make a note that the performance will take place at Ely Cathedral, and students will need to be available from 6pm on the evening of Monday 11th December. We would love for parents/carers, siblings and family to join us and support this event, and we will share information on how to book tickets in the communication that follows. There will be no charge to attend this event, but we will kindly ask that a donation is made via WisePay to raise funds that will be split between the Music Department and a school charity (to be confirmed).

In order to confirm student numbers, please can I ask that all Year 7 parents/carers complete the permission slip below for their son/daughter's involvement in this event. Please can all permissions be completed by Friday 17th November 2023, 3pm:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KbjZ4RaYVEydnK3i2OOqbrLut46ecXpLmV1vsdDSLW1UN0IQTTIDTVdaV1MzN0lwRUE1MExUSDhHNS4u>

Yours faithfully

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