

25th November 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Nine Lessons & Carols at Ely Cathedral – Monday 9th December 2024

Following our previous letter on Friday 22nd November regarding the tickets and donations for our Nine Lessons & Carols at Ely Cathedral, I wish to write to you with regards to seeking permission for your son or daughters' involvement in this event and to outline upcoming rehearsals and arrangements on the evening itself. Following the success of our first event at Ely Cathedral in December 2023, the Music Department has once again invited all of Year 7 to participate again as our 'Year 7 megachoir'. Year 7 student involvement is optional at this event, however, we feel that this is a fantastic opportunity for students to: represent Ely College within our local community, partake in a whole-school event and gain their Bronze participation PLEDGE, and feel a sense of pride and achievement through taking part in this special occasion.

Student Permissions - To confirm that you are happy for your son/daughter to take place in this event, please can you complete the following Microsoft Forms and answer the questions below by Friday 29th November 2024:
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KbjZ4RaYVEydnK3i2OOqbrLut46ecXpLmV1vsdDSLW1UMDZTOUtKUKiIRVdKU1VaNU1RTjIPODEzSi4u>

- Ensemble – Year 7 'megachoir', chamber choir, or Oliver cast (please select appropriate options on the form)
- Student name – full name please
- Tutor group – for example, Et-HRO
- Confirmation that you are happy for your son/daughter to participate in this event, grant photo/video permission, and that you are happy with the event arrangements detailed below.

Upcoming rehearsals - If your son or daughter is in the Year 7 'megachoir' or Oliver cast, they will need to attend a rehearsal with Mr Newsome on Wednesday 4th December Period 1 in Adelaide Hall. Students will be expected to attend form time as normal, and then to make their way over to Adelaide Hall for 8.50am. Students will be registered in this space, and then return to their Period 2 lesson at 9.55am. It is imperative that all students who are taking part in this event attend this rehearsal so that they are appropriately prepared for the event.

If your son or daughter is in Chamber Choir, they will be expected to attend all rehearsals as directed by Miss Arnold (as normal).

Final details - All students involved are expected to be wearing full school uniform: black trousers/skirts, shirts (tucked in), ties, jumpers (if part of normal uniform attire), and blazers. With regards to footwear, all students must be wearing black footwear (no trainers), as well as black socks/tights.

All students will be expected to arrive at Ely Cathedral by 6.30pm and be collected around 8pm.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Newsome

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