



From the Headmaster: Craig Williams, MA (Oxon), P.G.C.E.

Letter to all Parents

Friday 20 November 2020

Dear Parents

Christmas Concert Information

As we know, the festive period of Christmas is fast approaching. We are already starting to see the decorations going up and Christmas light flickering. I think it would be fair to say that we all need a little bit of Christmas cheer in what has otherwise been a largely turbulent 2020 so far.

Normally, at this time of year, the pupils and staff would be gearing up for an exciting Christmas Carol Service at St. Helen's Church and a lovely Pre-Prep nativity, in school. Unfortunately, Covid-19 has stopped us from being able to physically come together as a community to enjoy these events in the usual way. That being said, we have seen the emergence of new and innovative ideas across the country that have enabled music making together as a county-wide community. We may be in the midst of a global pandemic, but nothing will stop our insatiable desire for music, the arts and performance. The show must go on, and so must the music making!

It therefore gives me great pleasure to invite you to join us from your homes at 6.30pm on Thursday 10 December for our first ever virtual Christmas concert. Performances will have been pre-recorded, so the whole APS family can be at home watching whilst enjoying a mince pie (and perhaps a glass of mulled wine!)

The concert will be presented on an online platform, and details of how to access the concert will be shared with everyone closer to the time. The pupils in both the Prep and Pre-Prep departments have been working very hard learning their Christmas songs in preparation for the event, and it promises to be one of the highlights of 2020. I look forward to welcoming everyone on Zoom on the night of the concert.

Many thanks and best wishes,

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