



# ABINGDON

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## Music Department Newsletter - January 2015

Happy New Year and welcome to another term of music-making in Abingdon.

Last term was action-packed and concluded with our Christmas Concerts, which celebrated a broad cross-section of our musical talent and was crowned by a magnificent performance of Beethoven's 3<sup>rd</sup> Piano Concerto with a different soloist in each movement; Leon Wu, Anthony Bracey and Daniel Tong. The piano delivered on that occasion has now become our own instrument thanks to a generous grant from SUS through the School's Annual Fund. The retiring collection raised an amazing sum of £781.29, the charity supporting research into childhood brain tumours, Blue Skye Thinking.

Attached to this mailing, please find the Lent Term Music Calendar. Early performances include the **Piano Masterclass** on Wednesday 21 January with Ben Schoeman from RCM and on Wednesday 28 January the first of this term's **Music Scholars' concerts**.

Our numerous music events include our own **New Year Charity Concert** (Thursday 15 January) featuring Big Band, Brass Band, First, Second Orchestras, Lower School Band and the Gospel Choir. **Annual Chamber Music Evening** is on Wednesday 25 February.

There is much else, including another **Scholars' Concert** on Thursday 5 March, a **Singers' Platform** on Wednesday 11 March, and a **Choral Concert** Thursday 19 March. Do join us!

1. Thu 15 Jan: **New Year Charity Concert** - Amey Theatre, Tickets £6, £4 (concessions), £16 (family) available [here](#).
2. Wed 21 Jan **Ben Schoeman Piano Masterclass and Recital** - Amey Theatre, free admission
3. Wed 28 Jan **Music Scholars' Concert no. 3** - CMR, free admission
4. Wed 25 Feb: **Annual Chamber Music Concert** - CMR, free admission
5. Thu 5 March: **Music Scholars' Concert no. 4** - CMR, free admission
6. Wed 11 March: **Singers' Platform** - CMR, free admission
7. Thu 19 March: **School Choral Concert** - Chapel, free admission

We are looking forward to seeing you this term.

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