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Music Department Newsletter - January 2016

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 Saint-Saëns' 5th *Piano Concerto* and the *Organ Symphony*. The audience donated a generous retiring collection of £790, for the Footsteps Foundation, a charity that helps children with neurological disorders through physiotherapy.

Attached to this mailing, please find the Lent Term Music Calendar. Early performances include the **Woodwind Masterclass** on Thursday 14 January with Paul Harris and on Wednesday 20 January the first of this term's **Music Scholars' & Soloists' concerts**.

Our numerous music events include our own **New Year Charity Concert** (Thursday 21 January) featuring Big Band, Brass Band, First, Second & Chamber Orchestras, Lower School Band and the 2nd Year Choir. Our **Annual Chamber Music Evening** is on Wednesday 24 February. The **Chilingirian String Quartet Concert** (Wednesday 10 February), is one not to be missed.

There is much else, including another **Scholars' & Soloists' Concert** on 2 March, a **Singers' Platform** on Wednesday 9 March, and a **Choral Concert** Thursday 17 March. Do join us!

1. Thu 14 Jan **Paul Harris Woodwind Masterclass and Clarinet Recital** - Amey Theatre, free admission
2. Wed 20 Jan **Music Scholars' & Soloists' Concert no. 3** - CMR, free admission
3. Thu 21 Jan **New Year Charity Concert** - Amey Theatre, Tickets £6, £4 (concessions), £16 (family), available [here](#)
4. Wed 10 Feb **Chilingirian String Quartet Concert** - Amey Theatre, Tickets £14 (concessions £7), Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) £35 [here](#)
5. Wed 24 Feb **Annual Chamber Music Concert** - CMR, free admission
6. Wed 2 March **Music Scholars' & Soloists' Concert no. 4** - Amey Theatre, free admission
7. Wed 9 March **Singers' Platform** - CMR, free admission
8. Fri 11 March **Intermediate Instrumental Solo Competition** - CMR, free admission
9. Thu 17 March: **School Choral Concert** - Chapel, free admission

We are looking forward to seeing you this term.

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