

From: The Director of Music, Michael Stinton, MA (Oxon), LRAM, ARCM

5 September 2014

Dear Parent

Music Department Newsletter - September 2014

I am delighted to welcome all connected with the Abingdon Foundation, especially families of new boys, to another year of music at Abingdon School. We have some exciting projects and concerts and, in particular, a Joint Choral Society concert of Handel's: *The Messiah* on Sunday 30 November, in which parents are welcome to participate.

A highlight this term will be the visit of international trumpeter, **Crispin Steele-Perkins on Thursday 16 October**. His recital at 7pm will be preceded by a masterclass for the boys at 5pm. There will be a single **Christmas Concert** this year in Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre on **Friday 5 December** at 7pm. We expect tickets to sell fast! Please refer to the Music Calendar, also attached.

The Abingdon School Music Society (ASMS) does wonderful work in refreshing us at concerts and supporting us with tours and capital projects. Do consider joining us, especially if you have a musically active son – the AGM (5.45pm) precedes the Scholars' Concert on Wednesday 8 October at 6pm. Again, this year, we will be writing to families of Abingdon musicians to explain the work of ASMS and inviting them to opt out of membership (though we hope you will not, of course!)

Please use the application form to apply for tickets to the Trumpet Recital and the Christmas Concert, which include performances by all our senior ensembles and the First Year Choir. Please book tickets online or use the pro forma below. Tickets for the JCS concert are available for St. Helen's or at the door.

Yours sincerely

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TICKET REQUEST FORM (Numbers of tickets in boxes, please)

		Adult	Concession	Family	Total:
1.	Trumpet Recital & Masterclass, Thursday 16 October	□ £10	□ £6	□ £25	= £
2.	Christmas Concert, Friday 5 December		£6 □ £4		216 = £
		To	otal cost of ticke	ets	= <u>£</u>
Delete as appropriate: I enclose Cheque ("Abingdon School") Please charge to my Son's account					
Your I	Name:	Contact Tel:			
Pupil Name: Year/Tutor:					
Address:					
Letters to Parents/ Gen Circulars/MDN 04.09.14					