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From: Director of Music,: Michael Stinton

20 November 2015

To Parents of musicians involved in the Christmas Concert (other than 1st-form Choir)

Dear Parents

This is to inform you of the arrangements for the Christmas Concert in the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, on Friday 4 December.

Members of the Symphonic Wind and Big Bands will leave school by coach at 14.00pm. other members of the First Orchestra at 15.05pm (after lesson 6), and of the Second Orchestra at 16.05pm (after lesson 7).

All participants will be involved in a programme of rehearsals from 14.30pm. The Bands rehearsals will finish by 15.45pm, the First Orchestra by 16.45pm, the Second Orchestra by 17.30pm and the Chamber Orchestra by 18.00pm.

The concert starts at 19.00pm. For those living in Oxford, there may be time for them to return home for supper. It will be necessary for others to make their own arrangements, probably purchasing from one of the many fast-food outlets located close to the Sheldonian, or bringing a packed supper which may be consumed in the basement 'green room' of the Sheldonian.

The programme order will be 1st-Year Choir, Chamber Orchestra and Bands in the first half, a short interval, and Joint Chamber Choir and Orchestras in second half.

The concert will finish around 21.30pm. All participants will be expected to remain until the Theatre is cleared of chairs and other furniture, and the school's equipment carried out to the van. It will be helpful to expedite this process if audience members do not gather around exits.

It is expected that the majority of participants will go home with parents after the concert, but transport arrangements can be made for any who need to return to school.

Contact number at the Sheldonian for afternoon/evening: 07889 131372.

We would be most grateful if you would very kindly complete the attached permission form and return it to the music office by Friday 27 November at latest, either electronically to cfc@abingdon.org.uk or on paper to the music office.

Yours sincerely

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