



3 November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Year 7 participation in Christmas Concerts 2022

I am writing to inform you of our plans for students in Year 7 to participate in our Christmas Concerts this year. It has become a tradition that all students in Year 7 participate – this is the perfect way to introduce them to the rich and varied musical life of the school, and finish off their first term at St Martin's.

This half term, students will be learning two songs in their timetabled Music lessons, 'Blinding Lights' and 'Underneath the Tree'; both will be performed in the concerts. Should they wish to practice at home (which is advisable), links to backing tracks with lyrics can be found here:

Blinding Lights – <https://youtu.be/MLtHS56UShc>

Underneath the Tree – <https://youtu.be/w-BJ8qt-BIQ>

Students in the 'X' side of the year group (if they are in form groups 7R1, 7R2, 7R3, 7Q1, 7Q2 and 7Q3) will be performing in the concert on **Wednesday 7 December**. Students in the 'Y' side of the year group (if they are in form groups 7H1, 7H2, 7H3, 7B1, 7B2 and 7B3) will be performing in the concert on **Thursday 8 December**.

Both concerts will take place in the South Hall, starting at 6pm, and details of how to book tickets will be issued shortly. Students should arrive at the South Hall on their appropriate evening **no later than 5.30pm**, to allow us time to take them to their holding room and ensure the concert can still start on time. There will be no catering facilities available on site after school, so students who are unable to return home to eat should bring a packed dinner. Both concerts are estimated to end at around 8.15pm.

We are very much looking forward to finishing the calendar year in style with our Christmas Concerts, and all of our Year 7 students will be a vital part of achieving this. Thank you in advance for your support, we look forward to seeing you at the concerts. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 01277 238353 or mharris@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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