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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Advanced Choir

I am writing to inform you of an important extra-curricular activity run by the Music Department, that will offer your son or daughter invaluable training and support for their GCSE or A Level Music studies.

Taking place in room C002 on Friday lunchtimes, the Advanced Choir has already enjoyed two hugely successful public performances since September and we look forward to many more this academic year. As a school, we pride ourselves on the number of talented vocalists and musicians we have and are confident that our choir is a very effective method of showcasing them. Additionally, we hope that the choir will play a key role in any tours or trips we have planned in the future.

The benefits that come with singing in a choir are endless and include:

- An enhancement in musicianship and ensemble skills.
- An improvement in aural and sight-singing skills.
- Performance experience at a variety of prestigious events.
- An increase in knowledge of musical repertoire.
- Scientifically proven to improve mood, with a decrease in stress and anxiety.

All of these qualities are vital in order to be successful at GCSE and A Level Music, as such, I do hope your son or daughter will choose to become a member of the choir. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail – mharris@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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