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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Virtual Spring Concert 2021**

I am pleased to be able to provide you with details of our Virtual Spring Concert, which will premiere live on YouTube at 6pm on Friday 26 March.

You may be aware that throughout the current lockdown, we have been premiering weekly 'pocket' concerts every Friday based on a weekly theme. Our Virtual Spring Concert will be of a larger scale than these concerts, and feature a larger number of students. There will be no set theme, and students will be encouraged to sign up to perform anything they wish.

A sign-up sheet for solos and small group performances is now up in the Performing Arts corridor. I am aware that due to the staggered return, students may not get a chance to sign up at the start of the week but please rest assured that this sheet is not 'first come, first served', and in the event of oversubscription, a random draw will take place to determine participants. Successful students will be contacted on the evening of Friday 12 March.

Due to the fact there will still be significant COVID-19 restrictions in place across England for a number of weeks at least, any solos or small group numbers will need to be recorded remotely and sent in to appear in the concert. Our Performing Arts Technician and Administrator, Mr Mackie, is on hand to offer any technical assistance required and can be contacted on [cmackie@st-martins.essex.sch.uk](mailto:cmackie@st-martins.essex.sch.uk). We recommend using OneDrive to send in submissions, as students' school accounts entitle them to 2TB of free storage.

In advance of the concert, a letter will be sent out to parents containing the link, and it will also be posted on our Twitter page @StMartinsMusic. Please do share this link far and wide with friends and relatives as we would love to have as large an audience as possible from a variety of different places to support the students.

This pandemic has certainly taught us that despite the continued obstacles thrown our way, the music truly never stops at St Martin's. Thank you very much for your continued support ahead of what we very much hope will be our final 'virtual' music event. We are hopeful for our summer event to be held in person, however as we are all aware, much can change in the space of a few months and the current 'roadmap' dates are entirely provisional. We will update you as soon as we can, as and when future plans become more concrete.

Yours sincerely

Mr M Harris  
**Head of Music**

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