



HECKMONDWIKE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

14 December 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Christmas Carol Service – Change of time/venue **Thursday 16th December at 6.30pm – Heckmondwike Grammar School**

I am writing to let you know about our change of plan for the annual Carol Service this year. After further consideration over the course of the last week we have decided to hold our service outside this year. Whilst St James Church is a lovely venue, and holding it there would still be legally acceptable, with the growth of the new Omicron variant spreading rapidly we thought it would be safer to hold it outside. All tickets already reserved will stand for the revised event.

The weather forecast is currently rather favourable for the time of year and whilst it is not the basking sunshine of our outside summer concert, the venue of the middle yard at school should provide a festive setting. We are moving our school Christmas tree outside, are locating lots of fairy lights and candles and we even have some year 7s busy making festive bunting in their art class! Free refreshments of hot drinks, mulled wine and mince pies will be available throughout and we are slightly shortening the service to last one hour. You may of course bring your own blankets and hot drink flasks too.

Dress code for the musicians/readers has changed. This is now -

- Black trousers/skirts, black socks/tights, black shoes.
- A warm coat
- Scarves, gloves and woolly hats are all very much encouraged.
- Any style of warm clothing under your coat is of course fine. There is no need to wear your blazer or school tie. Please wrap up warm.

At our Carol Service we have always had a collection with the monies raised split between the two charities of St George's Crypt and Action Aid. This year we will have some buckets by the entrance where we would encourage you all to donate any loose change for these good causes. Thank you in advance for this.

Details

Date Thursday 16th December
Start time **6.30pm.** (Please note the earlier start time).
End time We are expected to finish around 7.30pm
Location HGS Middle Yard. Please enter through the **High Street** gate.

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Covid-19 Safety

As you will be aware, with any large gathering of people it is necessary to put in place a series of protocols aimed at reducing the spread of Covid-19. Even though we will be outside the protocols we have in place are as follows:

- Tickets are by pre-booking only.
- Tickets will not be available on the evening.
- All attendees should wear a face covering on the school site, unless exempt.
- All attendees must provide proof of one of the following which will be checked on entry:
 - That you do not currently have Covid-19 (please provide lateral flow or PCR negative results received within 24 hours of attendance)
 - That you have received both doses of vaccinations and at least 14 days have passed since the date of your last vaccine (please obtain an NHS Covid Pass via the NHS app or letter)

We do reserve the right to turn away visitors if the above procedures are not followed.

We strongly advise everyone, including our musicians, to take a lateral flow test 24 hours before attending the evening regardless of any vaccination status.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you on the evening. If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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