

19th December 2024



Dear Parents/Carers and Students,

I do hope that this final correspondence home of the year finds you well and looking forward to your own break from work if that is the case.

It has been a very busy and successful term and indeed year for the school community, with much for everyone to be proud of. I do hope that all our students have enjoyed being a Cryptian this past term and have found the school a place where they feel well supported, cared for and enabled to do their very best in everything that they have been involved in, both within and outside the classroom. Ofsted feels a long time ago now, but that outstanding judgement still looms large for anyone who seeks to review the progress and achievements of the school over the last twelve months. For those students new to the school in September, I do hope that the last two terms since September have been fulfilling, have lived up to expectations and have laid the foundations of friendships, values and progress in both one's academic work and wider lives that bode well for the new year in January and indeed beyond.

Each student will I'm sure have some strong memories of this past year to take forward into their futures in whatever sphere of school life that might be: in their academic work, in their commitment to others and to charity; in their progress in developing wider personal skills and qualities through taking part in the wider extracurricular and enrichment life of the school; in taking on responsibility for others as form or sports captains, perfects or members of the student executive committee, school parliaments, or as house captains; enjoying and basking from going on trips and visits, being part of a sports team, or the school choirs and orchestra for example - indeed, the wide opportunities available to all students to flourish in their school lives are broad and varied: I do hope that everyone has benefitted.

It has also been an important term for our senior students in years 11 and 13, as they look forward to important choices as to their next steps at the end of this academic year. In year 13, students have benefited from support for their university and apprenticeship post-18 applications, whilst year 11s have and indeed will continue to receive support for their post-16 choices. 2025 will be an important year for both years groups, who need to return to school in January committed to working to the very best of their ability, and through their commitment to their studies enabling themselves to progress onto their chosen destinations after completing their A Level, or GCSE exams. With that strong sense of progress, participation, commitment and opportunity in mind, I'd like to thank everyone who has contributed so richly to the life and work of the school across 2024: our staff and families; our school Governors and the CSPTA, and of course our students, who enable our school to be a community in which - I hope - everyone can flourish within.



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This last week of term has continued to be a busy one. The Carol Service on Tuesday was a highlight, signalling the fast approaching end of term and of Christmas, and showcasing the wonderful depth of musical talent we are fortunate to have at school. Thank you to Mr Whittaker for all he does, with the support of others, to ensure that many students' musical appetites are well nourished across the year. Many of our students have thoroughly enjoyed participating in sport across the year and a number of fixtures continued this week: my thanks to our Director of Sport, Ms Leask and her team for everything they have organised for the students this past term and indeed year, and which has enabled so many students to enjoy participating in sport and competitive fixtures ranging from rugby, netball, basketball and football; to athletics, cricket, and tennis, as well as in many other individual and team sports too.

It is equally pleasing to see many of our students enjoying themselves in so many other aspects of our rich school life: in debating, in leading and participating in our academic societies, or in helping support primary children through our outreach programme; in developing their scientific, maths and computing knowledge through challenges, clubs and competitions; in delving into the past through the hidden histories group, or through expanding their creative boundaries through art and design clubs; or simply enjoying their participation in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, F1 in Schools or in one of our many lunchtime clubs.

The Good Schools Guide said that *'The school struck us as exceptionally kind, a place where staff and pupils really look after each other.'* Kindness is one of the school's five values, alongside respect and responsibility, pride and integrity. As we look to welcome in a new year, we hope that sense of kindness towards each other, and to ourselves, will continue to shape and inform our school discourse in the years to come.

Do have a wonderful break and I look forward to welcoming all students and my colleagues back into school on the 6th of January 2025.

With continued best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Dyer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Nicholas Dyer
Headmaster

School Dates

6th January – Start of Term Week 2

14th January – CSPTA Meeting (6pm, Sports Block)

14th January – Y13 Business Harry Potter World Trip

16th January – Year 13 Parents Evening

22nd January – Year 9 Showcase Concert 6pm – 7.30pm

24th January – Year 7 GE Aerospace RETHINK Day

29th January – Year 12 Drive Fit PED

31st January – Non uniform day

3rd February – Year 11 Information Evening 6pm

5th February – Music Theatre Showcase 6pm – 8pm

6th February – F1 in schools regional finals

6th February – Year 10 Parents Evening Virtual

6th February – GCSE Music trip to Guildhall

7th February – Year 10 Bath University Visit

11th February – CSPTA Meeting (6pm, S Block)

11th February – Dear Evan Hansen Theatre Trip

12th February – GCSE Poetry Live Bristol

14th February – Year 12 GE Aerospace RETHINK Day

14th February – Term 3 ends

24th February – Term 4 Starts

PE & Sport

First of all, a very Merry Christmas to all from the Crypt PE Department.

This second term has been a very busy and exciting one, with plenty of fixtures, cup competitions and clubs to be a part of. Each term the PE department will release a newsletter indicating what all our sports teams have been up to during the term.

As always you can keep up to date with all things Crypt PE by following us on instagram @thecryptschoolpe. If you would like to share information regarding your child's sporting success outside of school. Please send all information to hatkinson@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk, with your permission we want to highlight as many of our students' sporting successes as possible.

New Staff _We're really excited to announce that Harry Atkinson has recently been appointed the new role of 'PE administration and sports foundation'. Harry will be taking the lead on all things sports foundation which he will be launching after Christmas.

Rugby Overview



U12 - (Mr Jakes and Mr Atkinson) The U12s have had an amazing start to rugby at Crypt. The first game back was a convincing win over Severn Vale but the next 4 games were narrow defeats in tough, physical games.

These losses have been brilliant learning opportunities for the team and this showed in the most recent game showing the progress that has been made. Losing 15-5 at half time, the team came back with a late winning try to win the game 20-15 against a well drilled Cleeve School side.

We look forward to further games in the new year and to seeing the future progress and development of this group, both as a team and as individuals.

U13 - (Mr Jakes) A brilliant season from the U13 Rugby Team. Winning 8 out of the 11 games played. Some really tough opposition throughout the 2 terms. This term has seen the U13s play QEH, Pates, Sir Thomas Rich's and Cleeve. A massive win against Tommies, proves how far this team has developed over the past 3 months. Immensely proud of these lads and everyone that was involved with U13 rugby. A year group with such potential and enthusiasm for the sport has been rewarded with amazing results. Looking forward to next season and the future prospects of this team.



U14 - (Mr Hart) What a season this has been for the Year 9 rugby team. The stats will show that they had a very difficult start to the season winning only one game but what a transformation it has been. If it wasn't for a last kick of the game penalty by Pates to win it would have been an unbeaten run of 8 games straight. This has included an incredible run in the EDF cup. A first-round win against a very competitive Churchdown team led into a more comfortable win against Deer Park. That took us to the semi-final playing Marling Away. The boys knew they had to be at their very best and so they were. They held on to win the match 10-8 and progress to the EDF final taking place at Kingsholm in March. Thanks must go to Mr Dix and Mr Curruthers for their coaching help.



U15 - (Mr Atkinson) This second term has been a rollercoaster for the U15 rugby side, with a tough first two games back against very strong Sir Thomas Rich's and QEH sides proving tough tasks.

The next game was a physical battle against Severn Vale with a last minute Crypt try levelling the scores. However, the weather got the better of us and our pitches several times over the next few weeks, limiting playing opportunities.

A defiant win versus Chosen Hill after two weeks off was a great way to show the progress the team were making in both attack and especially defence.

Our last Saturday fixture of the season saw Hereford Cathedral visit and the scoreline did not reflect an extremely competitive and even game with several breakaway tries giving the opposition the win.

The last game of the season was a chance to see just how much progress had been made. Cleeve school were the visitors and in last year's reverse fixture, Cleeve won 42-0.

A fast, physical game ensued and saw Cleeve take a 19-0 lead. However, the U15 Crypt side did not drop their heads or play within themselves, they continued to move the ball, be physical when required and kept themselves in the game. With 3 minutes to play the score was 19-15 to Cleeve. A charged down Cleeve kick and try for Crypt saw us take the lead for the first time in the game to take the score to 20-19. The U15 side held out for the remaining minutes and the scenes of jubilation that followed at the full-time whistle expressed several months of hard work, some tough afternoons yet progress.

I am extremely proud of the U15 side who could have shied away several times throughout the season but always kept going. Progress has been made and let's see what happens next.

U16 - (Mr Stanlake)



The U16s merged with the seconds for the latter part of the season. The matches were extremely competitive and this gave many of the younger players an opportunity to gain experiences of senior rugby.

The last game of the season was a close game losing by a point 15 - 14 to Cokethorpe. The highlight however, was the excellent win, 33 - 10 against Pates.

We look forward to seeing many of the younger players making significant contributions to the senior rugby programme next year.



Seniors - (Mr Windsor) The 1st XV entered the season with a great deal of optimism, having shown an excellent commitment to training in pre-season. A tough away draw in the National Cup against Monmouth was the first test and provided an excellent learning opportunity for the team. This meant we were entered into the Plate competition where we met Marling. A more comprehensive performance in Stroud was a highlight of the season where the school's class came to the surface, ending in a 32-10 win. We hosted Blundell's School in the next round, which again was another step up in level and after a slow-start the 1sts were unable to overcome

the odds to end the "cup-run" for this year.

In friendly fixtures this year again the seniors found it tough going to get a foothold in the season. The highlight was a late win at Cotswold School, 26-14. They were unlucky not to beat St Peter's in the only Friday night game of the year, losing in spectacular fashion 25-27, having shown excellent perseverance to come back from multiple deficits. They were unable to register a win for the rest of the season, despite playing some excellent rugby at times. In spite of the struggles, they have been ably led by the Y13s who leave us this year after 7 years of service to the Crypt rugby cause. My thanks to all who have contributed to this season, with special thanks to Sam R & Jack M for their captaincy.

Netball Overview



U12 Miss Leask A fantastic term 2 despite the wet weather and freezing conditions for our super Y7 netball team. We played a mass participation game vs Denmark Road which was great to see so many girls playing netball. A strong win against Severn Vale for both the A and B teams. A lot more fixtures to come after Christmas as our calendar gets tougher with the addition of some private school

fixtures to test ourselves. Netball club will continue after Christmas.



U13 Miss Burnside A challenging term 2 for the Y8 netball team with some very difficult opposition. Despite the results throughout the term the team have been committed to every training session and worked hard to develop their key skills for matches. A big well done for a great win for the Bs against Denmark Road winning 9-5. Well done girls for your enthusiasm and commitment. Keep it up and the wins will come.



U14 Miss Leask Our super U14 team had lots of challenging matches this term including the county cup and national netball competition. The girls were fantastic at the county tournament led by Mr Hart, they played some brilliant netball and came away with 4th, a huge result against some tough schools such as Dean close and CLC. Our sights were set on the national bowl competition where the girls got to play at Oxstalls arena and absolutely dominated, the score finished 35-11. We look forward to how this group progresses after Christmas and in the national bowl competition.

Our U14B have unfortunately had quite a few games cancelled, due to weather conditions or opponents pulling out. They finished strong against a tough

Farmers school and got the win. More fixtures to be rearranged for them after Christmas.

U15 Miss Burnside The U15 team have had a good term 2 with a mix of results against some very challenging opponents. The team has fought hard throughout their matches in the Sisters in Sport competition Unfortunately, they have missed out going any further in the cup and bowl due to two close matches only losing by 3 goals in both. As a team they have worked hard to develop their attack and defence during matches. We are looking forward to some more friendly matches after Christmas and the team being able to apply their skills into their matches for some more wins.



U16 Miss Burnside Our outstanding U16 team have continued to impress this term with some more brilliant success in matches and competition. The team have faced their fair share of challenges including three of the players being out with injuries, however they have come together brilliantly. We have had players from U15A and U16B step up and they have slotted in excellently making a huge impact. The U16 team have made it through to the 4th round of the sisters in sport competition with two convincing wins in round 2 and 3. They are still unbeaten as a team this season and we are so proud of what they have already achieved this year. After Christmas we are looking forward to the next rounds of the sisters in sport competition and are starting to look forward to the regional tournament in Bournemouth. Good luck to the U16 team and a quick and safe recovery for our injured players.



Seniors Miss Leask & Miss Burnside A really strong season so far for our senior squad. We are consistently fielding 3 teams which is a credit to their commitment and effort.

We played against Tommies in a very competitive game that in previous years would have been a challenge. We have more fixtures in the diary after Christmas and new kit that we can't wait to see in action!

Football Overview - (Miss Leask)



Girls U13 Our U13 girls team competed in the national English schools FA cup competition. They performed brilliantly in a highly competitive game against Earl Mortimer college in what finished in a 3-3 draw. The game then went to penalties and we unfortunately were knocked out of the cup. Penalties are such a horrible way to go out but these girls showed unity and togetherness throughout. We look forward to the U12 and U14 county cup competitions after Christmas.

Girls U14 & Girls U15 What an exciting term it has been for the U14 and U15 girls. Each age group competes in the national English schools' cup competition. The U14 team made it through to round 4 of the cup and played against Coundon court. The game was a thriller throughout with plenty of shots on target from Crypt and lots of chances created. The game finished in a 1-1 draw and it was dreaded penalties to decide the winner. Unfortunately Coundon court made it through, but it was a fantastic match and great display of football from both teams.



The U14s also had their 7 a side county tournament this term held at Severn vale school. They made it through to the semi-final in which another penalty shoot out would determine if they went through to the next round. Unfortunately we seem to have a penalty curse and we exited the competition. We look forward to county football games after Christmas.

The U15s played in their ESFA competition against Kingstone Hereford, the girls were absolutely fantastic, switching the play, making forward runs and working hard in defence. We came away with an 8-0 win and now face Crosfields school in Reading after Christmas.





Girls U16 The U16s started some of their county games early and unfortunately lost to St Peters in their opening match. Despite the setback they set their sights on the 7 a side round robin county tournament and managed to beat St Peters 2-1! We placed second in the group meaning they now progress onto the county finals representing Gloucester after Christmas. Well done to these girls that give

100%, always encourage each other and never give up.



Senior Football Our senior football squad has had a brilliant start to the season, they made it through to round 4 of the national ESFA competition, 1 game away from the semifinals. This is the furthest our senior boys' team have ever gotten in the ESFA cup competition. We faced a very well drilled Millfield side, a school

known for being the best sporting school in the country but we gave them a good run for their money. Unfortunately we conceded 2 scrappy goals in the first half and gave away a penalty. 3-0 down at half time the boys had to lift it, we were dominant throughout the second half, bringing the game back to 3-2. The game looked to be in our favour however we conceded on the counterattack and gave away another penalty. The boys' attitude was excellent throughout, they kept fighting until the final whistle but unfortunately it wasn't our day. We look forward to the county cup competition after Christmas.

Basketball overview - (Miss Burnside)



This term basketball has been in full swing with matches for the U15, U16 and U18 teams. We have had a mixture of results in different age groups as the players refreshed their skills and made connections within their teams. The U18 team had a great win against Denmark Road winning 30-8. Unfortunately, the U16 team started their season with a loss. However, they regrouped and learnt from their mistakes, this resulted in a great win against Severn Vale with 66 points on the scoreboard. The U15 team are yet to get a win but have worked hard in all matches and are committed to every training session. Next term will be very exciting for basketball. We look forward to our U12 and U13 mixed teams taking part in the junior NBA competition representing the team Orlando Magic. Also, we look forward to more age groups taking part in matches and hopefully getting some great wins. Well done this term to all the players.

Cross Country overview - (Mr Hart)



A great effort from the 40 students who competed for the school in the district cross country race at Plock Court this term. We had some outstanding individual performances:

Harrison and Enrico came across the line together to be joint first in the Junior boys race with Ollie very close behind in 3rd.

Kimberley ran a very measured race to power away at the finish to win the junior girls race.

Andrew controlled his race from start to finish to win comfortably the Inter Boys race.

Also qualifying for the next round in Newent will be. Rick, Ethan and Nadia.

The overall results were very impressive, results as follows:

Minor Boys (Y7)- 3rd

Inter Girls (Y10 & 11)- 4th

Junior Boys (Y8 & 9)- 1st

Overall Boys- 2nd

Inter Boys (Y10 & 11)- 3rd

Overall Girls- 3rd

Minor Girls (Y7)- 5th

Overall Mixed- 1st!

Junior Girls (Y8 & 9)- 2nd

A fantastic achievement, well done to everyone who took part!

6th Form charity event This year our 6th formers raised money for Movember with many of the senior rugby team **attempting** to grow a moustache to raise money for men's mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer. More information can be found on their website here <https://us.movember.com/about/foundation>.



The 6th formers also organised a senior netball vs senior rugby netball match, where students could pay to come and watch.

It was a thrilling game; some great play throughout but with lots of contact and footwork from the boys. Really great fun and well done to them for organising, the overall winners were the girls' netball team.

Crypt school kit As most parents are aware we do hand out sports kits for our students to wear. We are really proud of our school kit and we have worked really hard to gain funding to pay for our sports kit. Unfortunately, some students are not handing back their kit after it has been worn and this is having a negative impact on other teams across the school. If we carry on not receiving our kit back we unfortunately won't be able to wear it anymore as we do not have the funds or spares to replace them.

If you notice some kit in your washing that isn't your child's, can you politely remind them to hand it back to the PE department.

Fixtures A reminder that all fixtures can be found on The Crypt School sports website via socs.

<https://www.cryptsport.co.uk/?id=376&desktop=1>

You can keep track of what fixtures are coming up and if your child has been selected.

The Classics Club

So far this year *The Classics Club* has learned about 'Odd Gods', Roman Shields and the Roman festival of Saturnalia. Here are some examples of our miniature Roman-style shields!

All are welcome (omnia grata)! In the new year we will be performing some Latin plays, tasting some roasted (chocolate) dormice, and creating miniature Trojan horses alongside study of Virgil's epic poem, *The Aeneid*. All are welcome (omnia grata)!

Free Parent Workshop

These workshops are running in Gloucester, Cheltenham and online via Microsoft TEAMS from January 2025 over a course of 5 weeks. These workshops are for parents/carers of children between the ages of 11-18 within Gloucestershire. Please note that bookings for these will close early in January.

Our established workshops are designed to inform and support parents, helping them to understand their child's distress and discover effective strategies to improve their resilience. The workshops are also an opportunity for parents going through similar experiences to encourage, support and learn from each other in a safe and friendly environment.

Full details on Tic+ website here: <https://www.ticplus.org.uk/parents-carers/parent-carer-support-groups/>

Coping With Grief This Christmas

Christmas can be an incredibly difficult time when someone important has died and you are grieving. It doesn't matter whether your special person died a few weeks, months or years ago, you and your family may find it difficult to cope with your grief at Christmas. Many members of our community have suffered loss this year and they are in our thoughts.

The festive season can trigger some really powerful feelings for everyone. Maybe anger and jealousy towards those who haven't lost someone important to them, sadness because you miss that person or even feeling guilty that you are enjoying Christmas. However you are feeling is okay and you're not alone.

There are some suggested ways to cope and ways to remember people here: [Coping with grief at Christmas | Winston's Wish](#). Further information that may be useful for parents and carers is here: [Coping with grief at Christmas](#)

If your child is struggling, appointments can be made to see our School Counsellor, Fiona, in the new year. Students can book these through Mrs Hargraves (Deputy Headteacher), Heads of Year or Pastoral Support Workers.

Teddy Update

The teddies donated in the Summer Term during Year 7 transition will soon be making their way to Northern Iraq to primary schools and child friendly spaces. Thank you again for your generosity!



MFL

The MFL department started feeling a little bit Christmassy this term!

In year 7 the students learned all about the German Nikolaus tradition on the 6th December and found a surprise in their shoes after the lesson. They certainly enjoyed themselves.



Year 10 German were experienced a taste of the Weihnachtsbäckerei and learned about all the different German Christmas biscuits and made some themselves.

They decorated the biscuits beautifully and they tasted very nice.



Community Iftar

Ramadan is a special time for Muslim families around the world, and we're excited to celebrate it here at The Crypt School. We're planning to host an Iftar, a communal meal to break the daily fast during Ramadan.

Please join us on Thursday 13th March 2025, at 17:30 hours for our Iftar. It's a wonderful opportunity to come together, share food, and celebrate our diverse community. All are welcome regardless of faith - this is an opportunity to share Ramadan with our Muslim Cryptians.

To help us plan for the event, please let us know if you and your family will be attending by Wednesday 15th January 2025 by emailing oantonious@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk.

To make this event a success, we're asking parents and carers to bring a dish or dishes to share. However please clearly label any allergens (e.g. nuts or dairy).

We also need volunteers to assist with:

Event setup: Setting up the dining area and decorations

Serving food: Serving food and drinks

Cleaning up: Tidying up after the event

If you're interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Mr Antonious at oantonious@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk. Your support will help us create a memorable and meaningful experience for our students and their families.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Library

The library has been buzzing over the last couple of weeks with students choosing their Christmas reading and having a go at the Christmas Quiz – Overall 35 students took part in the quiz, all receiving 2 merits for taking part. All correct entries were put into a draw and



.....the winner is Jason 7WEH who will receive a selection box and a book

Runners Up – Elliott 7WEH And Nivedha 9RR who will receive a free book.



We have received 3 new benches in the Junior library. They were funded by Pupil Premium to promote literacy and reading for pleasure. Giving the students a comfortable way to enjoy reading and working in the library.

Recommendations

In the sixth form library we have a variety of fiction and non-fiction for students and staff to enjoy.

This week I would like to recommend Jane's Fame – how Jane Austen conquered the world by Claire Harman.

It is part biography and part cultural history captivating the story of Jane Austen's life, as well as her literacy legacy.

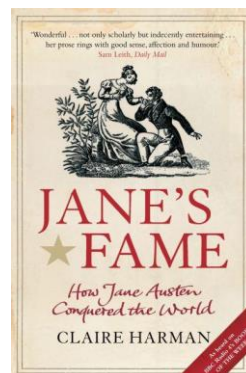
Knowledgeable and in-depth discussion that's also readable and witty in parts. Good for leisure or Literature Study.

In the Junior library after our visit to the Cheltenham Festival and listening to Piers Torday I would like to can recommend Midnight Treasure.

A richly imaginative world combining magic, the supernatural and technology. Innovative storytelling with strong characters and a twisting, pacy plot that grips to the end. Having spoken to the author and read the book – there is going to be a sequel, which is eagerly awaited.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to hearing what our students have been reading over the Christmas break.

Mrs Jordan



Music

Our wonderful community of musicians came together to perform in the Carol Service on Tuesday evening. Year 11 students Florence and Marianne welcomed guests into St. Barnabas Church with a festive clarinet duet. Mr Whittaker then proceeded to lead the orchestra with A Christmas Festival by Leroy Anderson, a medley of instrumental arrangements with selections including Joy to the World, Deck the Halls and Jingle Bells.

The Cantores Cryptienses choir featured over 90 members with a number of former students and staff returning to join the celebrations. Year 7 student Oscar gave a confident and

uplifting solo to introduce Once in Royal David's City, leading the congregation to fill the church with a warming ambience of choral delight.



Reverend Sarah Todd welcomed the congregation to the service and provided a bidding prayer. The choir then gave a jolly rendition of Sir Christemas by William Matthias, originally a commission for Exeter University choir.

Merrily on High, accompanied by Mr Slemensek on piano. Our entry ensemble were jubilant and uplifting in their performance.

Reflecting on our recent experience with Gabrieli Roar, we wanted to provide a snapshot of the extraordinary concert our choir gave at St Mary Redcliffe last week. Starting with Veni Emanuel, a 13th century plainchant, our choir performed with great clarity and rich harmony.

Junior Brass Group led by Mr Storer followed with Another Day by Andy Norman and a reggae twist of Good King Wenceslas.



Another amazing Gabrieli Roar piece was presented with While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night by John Foster.

The congregation stood to perform O Come All Ye Faithful, joined by warm and graceful harmonies by the choir, orchestra and organ accompaniment thanks to Mr Boodle.



Gaudete followed in joyful spirit and we would like to thank our soloists Roman, Areeba, Tifaine and Amelia for their splendid singing.

Year 10 student Jai has been rehearsing a new percussion ensemble and arranged Carol of the Bells for marimba, xylophone and drums.

Members of our A Cappella Choir were led to the front by Mr Clark to perform Rise Up Shepherd and Follow with a wonderful display of colour and purity.

One of our favourites from Gabrieli was John Fawcett's Strike, Seraphs, Strike Your Harps of Gold. We could not resist including this in the programme with its drama and intensity. Thanks to Reuben and Calvin for their tender treble duet.

The Angels' Carol by John Rutter followed with delicate and playful melodies and glowing harmonies by the choir.

Reverend Sarah Todd then offered a final prayer and blessing before the congregation were invited to sing Hark The Herald Angels Sing to conclude a joyous night of singing.

The Orchestra then returned to perform Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson, with its energetic and rhythmically jolly tune providing a merry finish to our wonderful service.



We would like to thank all our community including staff, students and parents for all their support in our endeavours to provide an enriching experience of musical opportunities. This year has seen a wealth of wonderful events, from our Prizegiving performances to Young Musicians' and Autumn Concerts, and Teenage Voices to

Gabrieli Roar. Many more exciting events to come in the New Year.

One last announcement! Mr Slemensek is musical director for a Christmas show in Cheltenham this Saturday 21st December, with our own Mr Rushton joining him in the band. If you would like to come along, please find more information in the link below.

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/mncreative/1371500>

Wishing all our community a very Merry Christmas!