



Penryn  
College

"Achieving through Challenge"

December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

We are thrilled at the college to have continued with our music making since returning to school in September and even though not quite back to our usual offer due to understandable restrictions we have been overwhelmed by the continued support of students, families and our wider community. In these unusual times Christmas at Penryn College needed an extraordinary plan and we are excited to share them with you for our Christmas Celebration 2020.

We would warmly like to invite you to our first ever **Outdoor Christmas Celebration on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**. Following all the national guidance from the DfE and DCMS we are able to offer an outdoor experience with the safety of our audience and performers being of the utmost importance. From **5pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December** we will be creating our own walk-through winter wonderland with a range of performances from Year 11, Year 10 Musicians, Year 9 singers and Year 7 dancers spread across the outside spaces on our school site. Warm coats, woolly hats and gloves will be a must for everyone attending and performing, each musical tour will take 1 hour 20mins.

We will be managing the covid-safety of this event in the following ways;

- Only allowing tickets to be booked for household groups and support bubbles adhering to the rule of six.
- Providing an online booking system where you will be asked to provide appropriate information for 'Track and Trace' purposes. Booking will be available via the school website from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December.
- We will be staggering start and end times to avoid crowding, offering six different start times through our online booking system.
- We will be creating a one-way ring road where you will walk between stages and stand to listen to different performances. You must bring a face mask for any movement through the school building.
- We will be insisting you move around the event with your bubble adhering to a minimum of 2m social distance between other groups, staff and performers. We will be asking all audience members to avoid crowding, clustering and physical contact outside of your bubble.
- We ask there is no parking on the school site to allow safe movement. Please notify school if you require accessible parking.
- Students performing will be kept in their year group bubbles and have their own designated stage area. As part of your musical tour you will get to enjoy 15mins at each stage.
- We will be carefully managing the volume of the event to avoid any visitors needing to raise their voices and, sadly, singing along to any performers won't be allowed due to national guidance.
- On the day of the event we will email you a digital programme with a map for your Christmas Celebration evening and when you arrive on the evening you will be allocated a tour elf to help you make the most of your time with us.



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## Arrangements for students

Students will rehearse during **Monday 14<sup>th</sup>** and we will ask that students remain in school at the end of the school day where we can provide them with a pasty tea before the event begins. Students will then be dispersed at different end times from the main school gate.

Year 9 at 7:15pm

Year 10 at 7:30pm

Year 7 at 7:45pm

Year 11 at 8pm

Students must dress warmly and be prepared for the chills of an outdoor performance. On **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** in the morning students will perform again to Year 7, 8 and 9.

If you are happy for your child to take part, we ask you complete an online consent form following the link below by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December. This can also be found on the school website on our Christmas 2020 information page.

[Please click here](#)

We know these are been tricky times and we hope to bring some Christmas magic to our last week of term. This event will be free and on the evening there will be opportunities to donate to our school charity. A link will be available on the school website from midday on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December to access our online booking system.

If you have any questions please email Gemma Ohly on [gohly@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:gohly@penryn-college.cornwall.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



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