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UVHS Christmas Festival

Dear Parents,

As (I hope) you know, this year's UVHS Christmas Festival will be held on Wednesday 19th December at The Coro - if you have not yet got your tickets then I am afraid that they have totally sold out, although you can put your name on a waiting list at the Box Office. All the students have been working hard to stage an entertaining programme of the highest quality and the arrangements for the day are explained below – please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

All students taking part (Wind Band, Junior Band, Choir, Chamber Choir, Brass/Clarinet/Senior Flute/Percussion/Sax groups and readers) will be released from lessons at the beginning of Period 4 in order to get an early lunch; Year 7-10 students are then to meet in the Cloister with their instruments at 12.20pm where they will be registered and then escorted to The Coronation Hall by myself and other staff. Those students not in the Wind Band should bring a quiet form of personal entertainment for when they are not rehearsing; Wind Band players should bring decorations (tinsel, battery lights, hats etc.) for their instruments and stands!!!

The rehearsal will run from 12.50pm – 3.15pm at which time students will be released from The Coro to either walk back to school for buses/taxis, walk home or be picked up. Instruments can be left in the changing rooms between rehearsal and concert.

For the performance, members of the Junior Band must arrive at The Coro by 6.50pm and go straight to the changing rooms to prepare to start playing at 7.05pm. All other performers must be at The Coro by 7.10pm in order to prepare themselves. Members of the Wind Band must be in **band uniform** (pink shirts & black bottoms/socks/shoes – those without a shirt will be able to borrow one for the concert), everyone else in smart **school uniform** without jumper, sixth form dressed smartly in **smart black bottoms and a colourful top**.

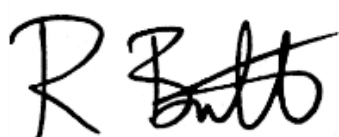
Performers not in the Wind Band will watch from the side aisles until their 'slot' (including the Junior Band once they have finished, although they do not have to stay). The concert should finish at about 9.40pm.

- **Please, please, please ... donations of mince pies for the interval refreshments would be VERY gratefully received!! - ask your child to bring them to my office. We will take as many as we can get, with any 'leftovers' donated to local care homes.**

- We would also appreciate it if any families were able to donate a raffle prize for our usual mega-draw (all income goes straight to the Friends of UVHS Performing Arts which helps to fund music, dance and drama at UVHS).

It goes without saying that this is the musical highlight of the year for both the school and the local community (hence the high demand for tickets). If you are unable to attend may I take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given your child in their music work at UVHS this term, and also to wish you a very Merry Christmas as well as health, wealth and prosperity for 2019 (for the latter two, should it be in the terms of the National Lottery, we are always open to donations!!)

Yours,



Richard Butler MBE

Some Dates For Your 2019 Diary

26 th Jan	Swing Band	@ Victory Hall, Broughton	7.30pm
12 th -14 th Feb	Primary Dance Platform	@ UVHS	7pm

Royal Marines Band Weekend

1st March	Dance Band evening	@ The Coro (private event)	7 – 11pm
2nd March	Joint Wind Band concert	@ The Coro (public event)	7.30pm

22/23 March	‘Hairspray!’	@ The Coro	7.30pm
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Sat 13 th April	Jazz Combo	@ Netherwood Hotel, Grange	TBC
Sat 27 th April	Swing Band	@ Lower Holker Village Hall	7.30pm
Fri 17 th May	Swing Band	@ Millom Palladium	7.30pm
Sat 15 th June	Little Big Band	@ The Old Friends, Ulverston	8pm
Sat 22 nd June	Little Big Band	@ Eccleriggs (CGP Ball)	TBC
Sun 23 rd June	Swing Band	@ Grange Bandstand	2pm
Mon 8th July	Summer Concert	@ The Coro	7.30pm
11th-18th July	Wind Band concert tour to Italy		

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