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SCHOOL AIM

"To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well-qualified citizens of the world."

Advent Carol Service

Director of Music, Ms Madden, tells us more: "On 6th December, over 120 students took part in our annual Advent Carol Service at St Ann's Church in Manchester, starting off the Christmas season with meaningful and reflective prayers, music and songs, themed on Light from Darkness. Following our Advent Assemblies last week where we lit candles for our whole Trinity community, the Choir reprised a song called *Come Light our Hearts* as well as James Macmillan's a cappella *O Radiant Dawn.* We heard beautiful music from the String and Woodwind Group and the largest congregation we have ever known joined in with a selection of famous Advent carols including *O Come Emmanuel*. Our Year 7 Singers were amazingly loud and enthusiastic, and the Sixth Form Singers sang in perfect harmony during their rendition of *Silent Night*. Our Gospel Choir is

the biggest it has ever been and wowed everyone with their moving performance of *I Wait.* The whole event concluded with a blessing around the crib led by Rev Dr Birkinshaw, and we all sang *O Little Town of Bethlehem* accompanied by our Brass Group, with passers-by and office workers joining in heartily. It was a wonderful, joyful and spiritual event and we are very proud of every single student who took part. They were a credit to our community. Thank you to all family, friends, staff and governors who supported us. We hope to see you on Wednesday 18th December at 7.30pm for our Cathedral Christmas Carol Service."

Year 11 Sixth Form Entrance Exam Results

Last Thursday, our Year 11s received their results from the Sixth Form entrance exams in special assemblies delivered by Head of KS4, Mr Cann. It was a delight to see the hard work of students pay off and also provide student's with a focus on what they need to do to achieve the best results possible in the summer exam period.

Year 11 'breakfast meetings' also began this week, whereby a team of dedicated staff discuss and look at every student in Year 11 individually, so that appropriate support and interventions can be put in place after Christmas, to help students reach their full potential.

Last Day of Term

The last day of term will be **Friday, 20th December, 2024**, and there will be an early finish for all students on this day between **12.20pm and 12.30pm**. The school buses have been booked to arrive at the earlier time of 12.30pm on this day. Please can parents/carers make provision for students leaving by 12.30pm and ensure they make their way home at this earlier time.

Students will also have a slightly extended breaktime on this day, and all students in Years 7-11 will be invited to watch special Christmas celebration assemblies throughout the morning.

School will resume for everyone at the usual time on **Monday, 6th January, 2025.**

And Finally…

...Director of Music, Mrs Madden, tells us about our exceptionally accomplished Year 11 pianist:

"Congratulations to our extremely talented Year 11 student Naomi who recently performed *Beethoven's Third Piano Concerto* with Stockport Youth Orchestra at Manchester University's prestigious Cosmo Rodewald Hall. Naomi has been learning piano since she was just 5 years old in Japan. After moving to Manchester, she was selected by Richard Meyrick as a Pianoman Scholar in 2020 and has been tutored by the acclaimed pianist in London since then. Alongside studying for her GCSEs, Naomi regularly accompanies school ensembles and the Fallowfield Community Choir. She has won 1st place in piano recital classes at Alderley Edge, Wirral and Blackburn Music Festivals. Several staff and students were delighted and proud to watch Naomi perform the concerto - it was a truly outstanding achievement, and we can't wait to see what lies ahead in her bright future. Congratulations also to Ninah, Year 9 and Vinchy, Year 12 who performed in the orchestra."

Mr Julian Nicholls
Head