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## Cleves Upper School Choir - Christmas Events

You are receiving this letter as your child/children are in the upper school choir that practice on Wednesday after school. Firstly, what a brilliant start to the academic year they have made with their first performance at the Welcome Service. They performed to the lower school over in the church and were brilliant. Secondly, I want to let you know of all the exciting concerts and experiences the children have this term and how you can sign up for them. If your child is new to the upper school choir then welcome and I think you will be blown away with the opportunities they will get this academic year. This is probably going to be the busiest year the upper school choir has ever had with lots of practice needed back home.



### **Saturday 19th November (12.30 - 16.00)**

This is a workshop at Cleves Performance Hall with famous award winning composer and performer, Alexander L'Estrange.

- The children will meet this famous composer and work on some of his pieces ahead of their concert on the 10th December.
- This is a free event for all taking part, children don't need to be in school uniform, parents can drop off and pick up.
- There will be a mini performance at the end of the afternoon for which parents are invited and it will also be free to attend. This is at 15.30.

**TIMINGS** - Children arrive at 12.30 having had lunch, performance is at 15.30, pick up is at 16.00. No need for children to bring a snack but please can they make sure they bring a water bottle.

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### **Saturday 10th December (17.00 - 21.30)**

- This is a Christmas Concert with local adult choir, Walton Voices at St. Mary's Church Oatlands.
- This will be free for the children to take part in but parents will be required to purchase any additional tickets on top of the one free ticket per child that is gifted (ticket link to follow nearer the time).
- Children will be required to be in school uniform as they will be representing the school in a concert in the community.
- Parents will be required to be responsible for their children all evening. That is why one free ticket will be given to each child performing. Parents can drop children at 16.45 but will need to return for 18.00 when the rehearsal ends and there is a break between rehearsal and concert.

**TIMINGS** - Children arrive at 16.45 at St. Mary's Church, children practice with adult choir from 17.00, performance is at 19.30, concert finishes around 21.30.



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## **14th & 15th December (Evening Concerts)**

*These are our usual Christmas Concerts at Cleves and the choir performs on both nights. They will also be performing with their class on one of the nights. More details about those concerts will come out after half term.*

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There is a google form for the two extra events outside our usual school Christmas Concerts and that can be found here:

**<https://forms.gle/MXnaZppJBcTsZ8LdA>**

This will also be put in the evening newsletter that goes out on **Wednesday 5th October**. Please don't get this confused with any Young Voices communication, that is completely separate and will come from Ms Tao. There will be a follow up letter to the two extra Christmas events and they will include the one free ticket and booking information for extra tickets.

I really hope you sign your child/children up to these events as it isn't every day you get to meet a famous composer and work on his piece with him. The performance on the 10th December will be a massive inspiration to the children as well. If you can complete the google form above by **Wednesday 16th October**, that would be much appreciated.

Many thanks,  
**Mr. Kilhams**

