



South Dartmoor Community College

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Dear Parent, Carer and Musician

Christmas preparations

Thank you to everybody who supported our Autumn Concert and more recently our college production of Oliver. Both events were a celebration and culmination of music making and commitment from our students. I am delighted to be writing to you with an outline of our last week of term, to which we are very much looking forward.

Carols on Tour, Tuesday 16 December – Musicians from our Music Department will spend a day travelling around the local area, singing, playing carols and festive music as our Christmas contribution to the community and in preparation for our Christmas Carol Service. The coach will leave college at 9.10am and will arrive back at 3pm, so students will be able to travel to and from college as normal.

All musicians should be prepared for a cold, wet day as we will go whatever the weather, so extra warm clothes are a must – hats, gloves and scarves! College uniform is required, but please feel free to add festive decorations, i.e. tinsel, baubles etc. Students will also need a packed lunch with plenty of drinks. If your child is entitled to a free school meal please let me know as soon as possible so that I can order one for you.

The cost of this event is £11. Although the college is subsidising the trip, we need to charge this amount in order to help cover the cost of hiring the coaches. Please make your payment and complete the consent on ParentPay as soon as possible, but **no later than Wednesday 10 December**. Students will not be able to take part unless these forms are received and completed. If you have any questions or problems accessing the form, please contact me. We would like all choir members who wish to attend to be able to do so. Therefore, if payment is a barrier, do please get in contact. If you do not give permission for your child to be photographed or filmed on the tour or at the Carol Service please email rjlewis@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk before Wednesday 10 December.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable experience for the students and local community in the past years, and I am very much looking forward to another successful Carols on Tour. I will communicate our route with students closer to the date should you be free to join us. This day is great preparation for our **College Carol Service** which will take place on Thursday 18th December at 6.30pm in the College Hall; tickets are free of charge and available by using the following link.

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/south-dartmoor-community-college/carol-service/2025-12-18/18:30/t-plznmgp>

The performance includes traditional carols and will run for just over an hour with refreshments and music from our folk ensemble after the service.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind regards

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