



Ark Isaac Newton Academy

1st December 2022

RE: Winter Concert – Thursday 15th December 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to announce that the Ark INA Secondary Winter Concert will take place this year on **Thursday 15th December at 5:00pm - 7:15pm**.

The annual Winter Concert has long been one of the biggest events in the INA calendar. This year we are also celebrating 10 years since Ark Isaac Newton Academy was opened! The 2022 Winter Concert promises to be a fantastic festival of music making, inspired by performances from around the world and our musical history over the last 10 years.

Tickets:

- *Tickets will be available at £2 for adults and £1 for students and they will be available to purchase on iPay on Tuesday 6th December. Tickets will be issued on a first come first served basis. Audience numbers will be limited so act fast if you wish to attend.*
- *Student performers **do not** need a ticket for themselves.*
- *Babies and small children must have a ticket in order to comply with health and safety regulations*
- *Tickets will be limited so please do not purchase a ticket if you are not intending to use it and please inform the school as soon as possible if you wish to return a ticket so we can offer it to someone else.*
- *Once purchased online physical copies of the tickets will be passed on to students a couple of days before the concert.*

Seating:

There will be a slight change to the usual seating for this year's concert: All audience members will be seated on the ground floor. The upstairs balcony area will be occupied exclusively by student performers during the times that they are not performing. In the past many student performers have had to sit on the floor during the concert and this year we want to give our students a more comfortable experience. As a result, there will be slightly fewer tickets available.

Students who are not performing are very welcome to attend this concert as members of the audience if they have a ticket. However, **these students must be accompanied by a parent/carer with whom they must sit**. Any students who arrives without an adult or who moves to sit away from their parent/carer will be asked to leave, even if they have a ticket.

Audience expectations:

The audience makes the event. We know that you will bring your energy and enthusiasm to make this concert a huge success! Thank you in advance for your support and participation. Here are a few housekeeping rules:

- *If purchasing a ticket, you must support our student performers by attending the whole concert.*
- *Phones off during the concert.*
- *No photography/filming allowed during the performance (there will be an official video).*

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- *Do not leave the hall during or between performances – there will be an interval with refreshments and access to toilets.*

We truly believe that this will be a special event that your child will remember for a long time. I hope you are looking forward to it as much as we are!

Who is performing?

If your child has been selected to perform in the Winter Concert 2022 then you will receive a text message on Friday 2nd or Monday 5th December. If your child is invited to perform, then we do expect them to attend if at all possible. If they are due to perform at the concert but are unable to attend the event, then please email info@isaacnewtonacademy.org and address the message to Mr Coughlin by Wednesday 7th December so we can organise the performance around this absence.

The dress code for student performers is:

- School trousers and shoes, all-black shirt or t-shirt (no logos) and a red or green accessory (optional).
- The optional accessory could be a belt, tie, braces, head-scarf, jewellery, laces etc.

Key information - please keep for your records:

- **Winter Concert - Thursday 15th December - 5:00pm start, 7:15pm end.**
- **Student performers to be confirmed via text by Friday 2nd or Monday 5th December**
- **Notify Mr Coughlin via info@isaacnewtonacademy.org if your child has been nominated to perform and cannot attend the concert by Wednesday 7th December**
- **Tickets to go on sale from iPay on Tuesday 6th December (Numbers are limited and they are first come first served)**
- **Dress code – school shoes and trousers, black shirt/t-shirt, optional green/red accessory**

Yours sincerely,

Mr G. Coughlin
Director of Music