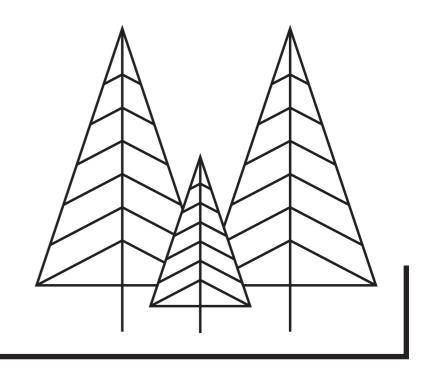




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# INTRODUCTIONS



# REC

This term has provided many challenges to music departments across the country – ours at Kings Langley School being no exception. Our annual Christmas concert complete with tinsel and festive spirit has been prepared, but as a virtual experience this Christmas instead of our usual event in the School Hall.

As a department, we decided to dedicate this Christmas concert to our amazing and talented soloists, who work extremely hard all year round with their instrumental/vocal studies. We had many applicants who sent in their auditions, and only a selection have been chosen to feature in our Christmas Solo Spotlight event due to time constraints. Therefore, a big Congratulations goes out to every single student (and member of staff) who auditioned for this concert – thank you for taking part in our event. If you were not selected to take part this year, we strongly encourage you to take part in our future concerts and performances.

It is now time for our soloists to dazzle you with their skills – and some with added festive sparkle! We hope that we will soon hear from our amazing groups and ensembles – but for now, please sit back and enjoy our Christmas Solo Spotlight! (Mulled wine and mince pies optional...).

#### **Miss F. Sargeson**

Acting Subject Leader of Music

Learning through and about the arts enriches the experience of studying while at school as well as preparing students for life after school. Arts subjects encourage self-expression and creativity and can build confidence as well as a sense of individual identity. We are incredibly lucky at Kings Langley School to have such a strong Arts faculty which has been recognised by our platinum status nationally. This virtual event once gain highlights the many talents of our students and staff.

#### Mr D. Fisher

Head teacher

What would Christmas be like at a secondary school without a Christmas concert? This year we are proud to present the KLS Virtual Christmas Concert packed full of amazing

year we are proud to present the KLS Virtual C contributions by our very talented students.

It never ceases to amaze me just how adaptable and creative our young people are. This year has been a challenge for us all and whilst there have been many obstacles, our young people prove their tenacity and thirst for achievement. I would like to thank all the students who submitted an entry and congratulate those whose video has made it into the concert.

As the Learning Area Leader for the Arts, I am passionate about ensuring giving all students the opportunity to experience and enjoy what the arts can offer. We are proud to be recognised by Arts Council England as a Platinum Artsmark school, the highest level of recognition for arts provision not only in our school but in the community. Whilst the pandemic presents us with barriers, as a school we overcome these and seek to provide a rich and diverse arts education to all of our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Sargeson and Mr Flowers for bringing the virtual concert to our community, the peripatetic teachers for their contribution to the music department, the parents/carers for supporting the musical talent of our young people, and most of all, thank you to our students for being so brilliantly talented and making our music department such an enthusiastic subject area.

I wish you all a safe and relaxing Christmas.

#### Mr J. Tubb

Learning Area Leader (Arts)

### **RUNNING ORDER**

**Stuart 11A** – *Walking in the Air* from *The Snowman* by Howard Blake

**Francesca 8A** – *Mary Did You Know?* by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

**Eleanor 7C** – *Dusty Blue* by June Armstrong

Inaara 7C – Quizas, Quizas, Quizas! by Osvaldo Farres

**Frankie 10J** – *Hallelujah* by Alexandra Burke arrangment

Alisha 10D – Nache de Fiesta by Ortiz

Alex 7J – Choices (original composition)

Jessica 8C – Mamma Mia by Abba

Keren 10A – Vivace by Telemann

**Harry 8C** – *There are Giants in the Sky* from *Into the Woods* 

Patrick 8P – Arabesque by J. F. Burgmuller

**Scarlett 7D** – *Christmas Medley* by Various Composers

**Geoff** – *Hallelujah Arrangement* based on version by Leonard Cohen

Ana–Louiza 8P – Lady Madonna by The Beatles

**Tom 9A** – *The Christmas Song* (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire)

### PARTICIPANTS

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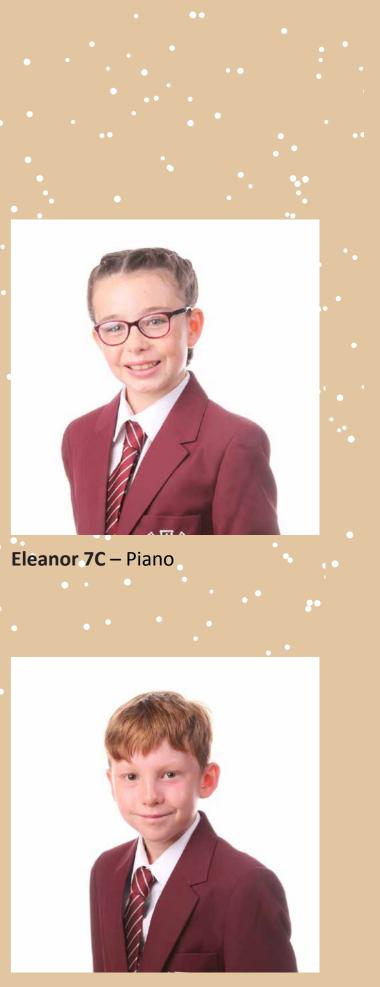
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Inaara 7C – Violin



Scarlett 7D – Voice



Alex 7J – Voice & Guitar

### PARTICIPANTS



Francesca 8A - Flute



Harry 8C – Voice







Jessica 8C – Voice



Ana-Louiza 8P – Piano



### **PARTICIPANTS**



Frankie 10J – Voice



**Geoff Shephard** – Piano



Stuart 11A – Piano



## **SUPPORTING KLS ARTS**



The school has been working towards achieving the Artsmark award and after submitting a statement of intent and impact statement to Arts Council England, we are incredibly proud to announce that we have been awarded PLATINUM level – the highest level.

### What is the Artsmark Award?

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings, accredited by Arts Council England.

- Build young people's confidence, character and resilience through arts and cultural education
- Use Artsmark's clear and flexible framework to embed creativity across the whole curriculum and use it to address the school's improvement priorities
- Celebrate the school's long-term commitment to cultural education with pupils, parents and local community

### **Feedback from Arts Council England:**

Kings Langley School is to be commended at providing outstanding arts and cultural opportunities for pupils within the school. You have taken positive and progressive steps to support other schools in the area including the establishment of a professional network group, which includes thirteen schools across five key stages (KS1-5) within different educational settings. This group has enabled teaching professionals to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding of areas of arts and culture, sharing good practice, promoting the importance of arts education and has also helped to secure your position as a leading advocate for arts and culture within the locality. You have successfully provided authentic experiences for pupils including theatre tours, concerts and exhibitions that have raised the profile of arts across the wider school community, whilst highlighting careers opportunities to students. It is also pleasing to read that you have achieved a Kitemark+ commendation for Character Education during your Artsmark journey. The impact on pupil development has been demonstrated in a number of ways including student results in Visual Arts achieving 94.6% grades 9-4 (18.6% higher than National Average) in 2019, Music increased attainment of grades 9-4 by 31.5%, male students in Arts subjects enjoy greater

attainment results which are more in line with their female counterparts and Pupil Premium students have increased participation in community projects.

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#### **Artsmark Awards**

Artsmark is awarded at three levels; Silver, Gold and Platinum

| Silver            | Gold                  | Platinum            |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Emergent          | Established           | Stretching          |
| Develop expertise | Develop best practice | Opinion former      |
| Tangible results  | Measurable effects    | Making a difference |



### Learning Area for Arts Art, Drama, Music & Photography

Thank you for attending this arts event.

At Kings Langley School we recognise the contribution that the Arts have on our students and the wider community. We have been awarded Platinum level Artsmark, a nationally recognised award from Arts Council England and Royal Opera House Bridge.

As an Artsmark Platinum School we strive to provide our students with exciting, enriching and diverse opportunities to engage with arts education. We are looking to further develop our arts and cultural opportunities by forging greater links with with parents, local organisations and businesses.

Is there something that you can offer the school in the area of the arts? Time, expertise, resources, materials.... If so, we would love to hear from you. Please complete the form below and return to James Tubb (Leaning Area Leader for Arts) or email <u>tubbj@kls.herts.sch.uk</u>

| Name:  |  |
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| Contact Telephone Number:                    |  |
| Email:                                       |  |
| Do you have a child in the school? YES / NO. |  |

How do you feel you can support KLS Arts Learning Area?

Do you work within an industry in or related to the arts which could be used to promote careers within the arts at KLS?

Thank you.

