



Ellesmere College

MUSIC SCHOOL

Appeal

Newsletter

November 2024

THANK YOU!

The Music School Appeal has got off to an excellent start and so far we have raised over £6000 through donations and events. On 27th September we held a family quiz in Big School with Dale Crawford (Head of Wakeman-Lambart) as our quiz master. Dale has written questions for University Challenge, Only Connect and appeared on University Challenge as part of the Open University team a few years ago. Guests were treated to a hog roast, some live music and, with about 130 members of the community from students, parents, families and members of the Ellesmere town community, it helped to set the tone for what I hope will become a marker of this fundraising campaign – bringing the whole community together. This event raised just over £2000.



Our second event was the autumn-themed Raising the Roof Bazaar for Lower School which took place on 2nd October. This saw all of our Year 7 and 8 students devising, resourcing and then running their own school-fete stalls for our Key Stage 2 students. Money was exchanged for 50p tokens bearing the logo of the Music School Appeal and we sold over 1600 tokens raising £530. As well as taking part in stalls ranging from Splat the Rat and Treasure Island to Name the Sloth and Hook the Duck, we held a raffle and ECPS (the parents society), led by Sadie Norris, provided a café serving hot chocolate (with all the trimmings) and encouraged the children to decorate gingerbread figures.



TAKE-OVER WEEKEND

In November, we have the Remembrance Service on Sunday 10th, where the Chapel Choir will perform a new mass setting by John Ireland. We then have our 'take-over' weekend, which will see three events across the weekend of 15th – 17th November. Starting with the Raising the Roof concert in Big School on Friday 15th November at 7.00pm, this will feature over 150 performers and all of our ensembles, choirs and rock bands. This is our first major concert of the year and you will hear and see the students are in fine form – I would encourage you to attend if you are able to do so. On Saturday 16th November, ECPS are organising a Winter Ball, 'A Night in the Meribel' with a live auction of promises and special gifts. For this I have offered the dedication of a brand new carol I have written to the words of 'Silent Night' which will be performed for this year's carol services. On the 17th November we will be holding an Afternoon Tea and Concert in Big School with music provided by some of our talented OE's and musicians from the community.

A message from Mr Coupe

I would like to say a huge thank you to you for supporting the campaign, and helping us to make it possible to revive the Old San as a new purpose-built Music School. Providing better facilities, more opportunities and hub for music making in our community.

With my very best wishes,

Tony Coupe, Director of Music

Champion Supporters:

Sadie Norris, Sarah Hughes, Philippa Kilgannon, Paul Russell, Simon Fisher, Mike Mason, Louise Paton & Bells Lewers.

Patron:

Paul Spicer, former Director of Music here at Ellesmere College

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

**15TH Raising the Roof
Concert**

16TH Winter Ball

**17TH Afternoon Tea and
Concert**

**28TH Community Carol
Service**

**29TH Meynell/Wakeman-
Lambart Carol Service**

DECEMBER

**1ST Talbot/Woodard Carol
Service**



These candlelit carol services are a huge highlight of the College year and something not to be missed. Once again, the Chapel and Chamber Choirs will be on fine form leading the congregation.