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| Chapel Services Millennium Hall | 4.50pm | **10th September:** Chapel Choir **5th November: (Remembrance):** Chapel Choir  **17th September:** Chapel Choir **19th November:**  Y5 Choir  **1st October: (Harvest)** Y6 Choir  **26th November:** Chapel Choir  **8th October:** No Chapel **10th December:** No Chapel |
| Thurs 16th September | am | **Maurice Ellis Music Scholarship auditions**  These auditions should have taken place last March, but were postponed due to Covid. Any children in Years 3 and 4 who are interested should contact the Music School for an application form. |
| Thurs 30th September  Lancing College | 10.30am – 5.30pm | **Lancing College Prep Schools’ Wind Band Festival**  Some of our top wind, brass and percussion players will be spending the day rehearsing concert band music for an “open rehearsal” at the end of the day. Invaluable experience for band players. More details to follow. |
| Fri 1st October  Music School | 6.30 pm | **Autumn Performance Platform**  Details of who will be involved in this concert will be available from the Music School by the beginning of the week. |
| Thurs 7th October  Lancing College | 10.30am – 5.30pm | **Lancing College Prep Schools’ Strings Day**  Some of our top string player will be spending the day rehearsing orchestral music for an “open rehearsal” at the end of the day. Invaluable experience for orchestral players. More details to follow. |
| **Fri 8h October**  Music School | 7.00 pm | **Music for an Autumn Evening**  The music staff present an autumn soirée in our newly refurbished Music School. Music for piano, clarinet, horn, guitar, drums and even for four pianists at two pianos! This is a free event, but please let us know if would like to attend as space is fairly limited. |
| Wed 10th November  Millennium Hall | 6.30 pm | **Festival of Family and Friends Ensembles**  This promises to be a most special evening, showcasing music-making as it ought to be: simply celebrating the joy of making music with friends and family. Please get together as a family or group of friends and put together an item - this evening is for you! Be creative! Please let us know after half term if you would like to take part in this concert. |
| **Fri 19th November**  Millennium Hall | 6.30 pm | **School Concert**  The Chapel Choir, Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Orchestra and various other ensembles and soloists will delight you with their performances. Our staff performer at this term’s concert will be Gerry Berkley, our percussion teacher, who will be joined by Mr Allum in a spectacular display of percussive wizardry. Full programme details will be available nearer the time. |
| **Sun 21st November**  Boxgrove Priory | 7.30 pm | **Shopwyke Singers Concert**  The Shopwyke Singers is a small, friendly choral society based at Westbourne. This term’s concert includes Puccini’s wonderful “Messa di Gloria”, Vaughan Williams’ “Toward the Unknown Region” and Wesley’s “Ascribe unto the Lord”. Tickets (£12) available from the Music School |
| **Fri 26th November**  Boxgrove Priory | 1.45–4.15 pm | **Advent Carol Service Rehearsal**  This rehearsal for the Chapel Choir in the Priory is a vital rehearsal before the Advent Carol Service. Please avoid any appointments out of school at this time if possible. |
| **Fri 26th November**  Music School | 6.30 pm | **November Performance Platform**  Details of who will be involved in this concert will be available from the Music School by the beginning of the week. |
| **Sun 28th November**  Boxgrove Priory | 6.30 pm | **Advent Carol Service**  One of the highlights of the school’s musical year. As the church prepares for Christmas, the Chapel Choir leads the music in this service, which moves from darkness to light. All parents and friends are most welcome to this service, which is held in one of the most beautiful churches in the south of England. |
| **Mon 29th November**  Music School |  | **Trinity Music Exams**  Details of who is entered for these exams will be posted in the Music School and in the Blue Passage after half term. Final exam times will only be published by the end of the week prior to the exams. |
| **Tues 30th November**  Music School |  | **ABRSM music exams**  Details of who is entered for these exams will be posted in the Music School and in the Blue Passage after half term. Final exam times will only be published by the end of the week prior to the exams. |
| **Wed 8th December**  Music School | 6.30 pm | **Piano Concert: Mrs Rowe’s pupils**  All of Mrs Rowe’s pupils will be performing at this concert. |
| **Thurs 9th December**  Manor Barn Home | 11.00am | **Y8 Choristers to sing at Manor Barn Home**  The Year 8 Chapel Choristers will be going to sing carols at Manor Barn Nursing Home in Fishbourne. This is always a very valuable experience for the children and much appreciated by the residents. Needless to say this is not an occasion for parents to attend. |
| **Fri 10th December**  Millennium Hall | 6.30pm | **Year 7 Production – Hairspray**  Directed by Ed Cousens with musical direction by Richard Allum. This colourful, toe-tapping show was postponed from 2020 and is sure to be a huge hit! With songs including ‘Good Morning Baltimore’ and ‘You can’t stop the beat’, the Y7s and our professional band will have you rocking in the aisles! |
| **Mon 13th December**  The Cross | 2.30 pm | **Carol Singing at The Cross**  Unless the weather is very inclement, we will be singing carols at the Cross for about an hour, in aid of Rotary’s annual Christmas collection. |
| **Tues 14th December**  Boxgrove Priory | 2.00-4.00 pm | **Chapel Choir Carol Service rehearsal**  This rehearsal is the only one the choir will be having in the Priory for the Carol Service. Please avoid making appointments for your child at this time if at all possible. |
| **Wed 15th December**  Millennium Hall | 3.00 pm | **Year 3 – Year 6 Carol Service**  All children in Years 3 to 6 will be involved in this service. |
| **Thurs 16th December**  Boxgrove Priory | 6.30 pm | **Year 7 and 8 Carol Service**  All children in Years 7-8 are expected to attend the Carol Service, which will be held in Boxgrove Priory. Year 6 Chapel Choristers will also be singing in this service. |