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Dear Parent/Guardian

Performing Arts Summer Virtual Concert - July 2021

As I am sure you are acutely aware, Covid-19 has had a great impact on every aspect of school life. This has particularly been the case with the Performing Arts department as we have been unable to put on a live performance since our production of Hairspray in January 2020. Due to bubble restrictions, we were not even able to rehearse with our extra-curricular music and drama groups when we returned to school in September 2020.

Thankfully, as restrictions have started to ease, we were able to run a small number of groups in May with the hope of performing to a live audience this July. Unfortunately, given the continuing restrictions in place up to this point, this was not able to happen. However, we have recorded performances of the Junior Band, Senior Band, Choir, Key Stage 3 Drama Club and The Raheja Trio which we would like to share with you. This 'Virtual Concert' has been uploaded to the school's YouTube channel, which can be accessed through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GAhlgf7c0Xg>

We greatly appreciate the hard work and effort that the children have put into preparing for these performances and would hope that you share this appreciation by watching the performances. There will be an announcement about our next school production towards the end of the video.

Under normal circumstances, any funds raised through the sale of tickets for our concerts and shows goes towards buying new equipment and resources for the Performing Arts department such as a new PA system and sheet music. Additionally, some money raised goes towards buying the licencing rights for the next school production as well as costumes and props. As we have not been able to hold any performances since January 2020, we have lost this vital fund-raising opportunity. As such, if you would like to help us with a donation this can be made via ParentPay which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.parentpay.com/>.

Any contribution is greatly appreciated and will continue to help us provide the students with excellent performing arts opportunities going forward.

As always, we thank you for your help and support and we hope you enjoy the show!

Yours sincerely

Miss J Pitman
Head of Performing Arts