



 **CST Musical Advent Calendar 2021**

Dear student

We all love advent calendars! Students at all 9 of our CST schools are invited to submit a video performance of them playing/singing a piece of music. It could be a solo or group piece, or even a composition; 'Christmassy' or not! We will then select a different one to be 'revealed' to all staff, students and parents/carers on each day during December as we count-down to Christmas and celebrate together.

What you need to do to practice...

- ❖ Simply rehearse a piece you want to submit as a performance. It can be in any style and for any instrument.

When you're ready to record...

- ★ Use a stationary smartphone or device to record yourself in landscape mode: no shaking or wobbly videos please!
- ★ Do the recording in a quiet, well-lit room, away from other background noises (TVs, kitchen etc) using the best kit you have. Talk to your music teacher about recording at school if necessary.
- ★ Wear your school uniform or appropriate smart 'concert dress' (santa hats optional!) and make sure you consider what is on screen when recording – background and foreground.
- ★ Sing/play clearly, in time and tune to the best of your ability.
- ★ DO NOT announce your name please.
- ★ Feel free to have a few attempts, but just submit your best video. Please check that you submit a recording that doesn't distort, and doesn't have any background noise.

How to submit your recording...

- Label the video "YOUR NAME, ADVENT CALENDAR 2021 and NAME OF PIECE" (e.g. *Andrew Nicholls Advent Calendar Lego House*)
- Your parent/carer **must** complete [this Google Consent Form](#) and upload the video as directed in the final question. Consent must be given for every student on the video to enable us to use it.
- Aim to get your submission in by **Mon 29th November**. However, getting them in sooner would be even better! We may be able to use late entries but earlier entries are more likely to be used.

We may not be able to include your video recording if you do not keep to this guidance so please follow it clearly. We will try to include a range of ages, schools and instruments but will only be able to use high quality performances (of any standard). Not every submission will be able to be used for the Advent Calendar.

Kind regards and festive wishes

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