

## DHS Christmas community celebrations



It has been a busy week for the Performing Arts Department at Durrington High School. Monday saw the Junior Choir and some students in years 9 and 10 visit New Tyne Care Home to sing for the residents. The students really enjoyed the opportunity to provide entertainment for the residents and spread some festive cheer.

Tuesday was our annual carol service at St Andrews Church, Tarring. So many students were involved in so many different ways; singing in the choir, soloists, readers and instrumentalists and the evening even saw the return of the staff choir! It was a wonderful evening in the community and the church was full of people starting their festive celebrations in style!

On Wednesday some of the junior choir and some students in year 9 and 10 visited another care home in the community, this time they visited Highdown Court. Residents were enthralled by their performances and some couldn't help but shout out their congratulations!!

Thursday was the night of our annual Christmas Celebration concert, with performances from students in their tutor groups sharing classwork from drama and music, year 10 drama students performing extracts from a recent production, instrumental groups, choirs, soloists and several Music compositions from classwork. The evening demonstrated how lucky we are to work with such dedicated and committed talented individuals who are even better when they work together!

The theme for a number of the items performed by the department this year has been inspired by the schools renewed focus on kindness. The 'Be Kind' campaign is an initiative very close to our hearts encouraging young people to be respectful and responsible through random acts of kindness to family, friends and strangers. We asked audience members to spare a thought, prayer or sometime to those less

fortunate than ourselves. At the end of the carol service, our retiring collection was for The Worthing Churches Homeless Projects and we raised an amazing £330.91.

A special thanks to our wonderful music teachers Miss Maughan and Mr Dean who have worked tirelessly to give the students such amazing opportunities and have been singing and playing Christmas songs since October!!!