

Scholarships & voice trials

Guide to cathedrals, churches, universities and schools offering places for choristers, choral scholars and organists

Key: c = chorister, cs = choral scholar, o = organ scholar
Gap = offers opportunities for gap year students
Listings are by town/city, then by the name of the institution, eg London, Westminster Abbey

A
Aberdeen, St Andrew's Cathedral
Scholarships cs, o
Deadline apply all year round.
Contact Christopher Cromar, master of music 01224 640119, cathedral@aberdeen.anglican.org
www.cathedral.aberdeen.anglican.org

B
Bangor Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls; incl. funding for instr & vocal tuition and exam fees), cs, o
Gap yes
Deadline none
Open morning (Sing with the Choristers) at regular intervals, apply for details

Auditions by appointment
Contact Paul Booth 01248 354015, music@bangorcathedral.org.uk
www.bangorcathedral.org.uk
Birmingham Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (men & women)
Gap yes

Contact David Hardie, head of music, david.hardie@birminghamcathedral.com
www.birminghamcathedral.com

Blackburn Cathedral
Scholarships cs, o
Gap students or recent post-grads
Contact John Robinson 01254 277 442, john.robinson@blackburncathedral.co.uk
www.blackburncathedral.com

Brighton College
Scholarships cs, o (boys & girls)
Gap yes (post-grad)
Contact Admissions Dept, 01273 704200, registrar@brightoncollege.net
www.brightoncollege.org.uk

Bristol University / Bristol Cathedral / St Mary Redcliffe / St Paul's, Clifton
Scholarships c, o
Contact Megan Holmes 0117 331 4044, music-resources@bristol.ac.uk
www.bris.ac.uk/music/scholarships

Bristol, Clifton Cathedral
Scholarships cs (men & women 16+), o
Gap yes
Trials by appointment
Contact Richard Jeffrey-Gray, music@cliftondiocese.com
www.facebook.com/cliftonmusicSERVICE

C
Cambridge University (all colleges)
Scholarships c (boys - King's & St John's only - contact individual colleges), cs (men & women), o

Contact (c & cs) Peter Foggitt (pif21@cam.ac.uk); (o) Andrew Arthur, aa373@cam.ac.uk
www.cam.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/musicawards
Cambridge, St John's College
Scholarships c (boys)
Trials Mr Nethsingha is available to hear potential applicants all year round
Contact Juliet Francis 01223 760193, j.francis@joh.cam.ac.uk
www.sjcchoir.co.uk

Canterbury, Christ Church Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys)
Open days St Edmund's School & Choir House
Trials By appointment, throughout the year
Contact David Flood 01227 865242, david.flood@canterbury-cathedral.org
www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/choir

Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral
Scholarships c, cs & o
Gap yes
Trials by appointment at various points through the year
Contact Dominic Neville 07727 138621, dominicneville@cantab.net, dpmmetropolitan@gmail.com
www.cardiffcathedralchoir.org

Carlisle Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (men)
Gap yes
Deadline none
Contact Veronica Stockdale, Music dept administrator 01228 547916, musicadmin@carlislecathedral.org.uk
www.carlislecathedral.org.uk

Chelmsford Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (incl juniors 15-18 yrs), o
Gap yes
Deadline See website
Trials (o) autumn, (cs) autumn and spring, (c) throughout the year
Contact Elspeth Manders 01245 294481, music@chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk
www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

Cheltenham College
Scholarships c (11+, 13+, 16+), cs, o
Contact Director of music, Gordon Busbridge 01242 265600, busbridge.gordon@cheltenhamcollege.org; (11+) Mrs Lucinda Roskilly 01242 522639, l.roskilly@cheltenhamcollege.org; (13+, 16+) Ms Annalouise McQuilkin 01242 265 662, registrar@cheltenhamcollege.org
www.cheltenhamcollege.org

Cheltenham, Dean Close School
Scholarships c, o
Contact 01242 258070
www.deanclose.org.uk
Chester Cathedral
Scholarships c, cs
Deadline Auditions are available throughout the year



▲ Young choristers at Ely Cathedral

Contact Philip Rushforth 01244 500974, philip.rushforth@chestercathedral.com
www.chestercathedralchoir.co.uk
Chichester Cathedral
Scholarships c, o
Trials throughout the year
Contact Richard Paterson 01243 812487, liturgymusic@chichestercathedral.org.uk
www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

D
Derby Cathedral
Scholarships c (girls and boys from year 3), cs, o (for students at Derby, Nottingham, Birmingham or any other local universities), o
Trials The director of music is happy to hear from applicants all year round.

Contact Alexander Binns 07760 766199, alexander@derbycathedral.org
www.derbycathedral.org

Dublin, Christ Church Cathedral
Scholarships c (girls), cs, o
Gap yes
Contact Ian Keatley +353 1 677 8099, ian@christchurch.ie
www.christchurchcathedral.ie

Dublin, St Patrick's Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys), o
Contact Stuart Nicholson, director of music +353 1 453 9472, organist@stpatrikscathedral.ie
www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

Durham Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs, o
Trials by appointment.
Contact Daniel Cook 0191 386 4766, music@durhamcathedral.co.uk
www.durhamcathedral.co.uk

Durham University, St Chad's College
Scholarships cs, o (12 choral scholarships available plus two organ scholarships, each worth £1,000 p.a.)
Trials Auditions in Mar prior to the start of the academic year, and in Oct.

Contact Roger Muttitt, director of music, roger.a.muttitt@durham.ac.uk
www.stchads.ac.uk/college/activities/choir

E
Edinburgh, Fettes College
Scholarships o
Contact Tracy Doig 0131 311 6706
www.fettes.com

Edinburgh, St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in conjunction with St Mary's Music School, Edinburgh
Scholarships c (boys & girls 9-13), cs (male & female), o
Deadline none, although (c) early application preferred
Auditions (c) Nov, Feb, May; advisory auditions and trials for younger years all year round.

Trials (cs) all year round, (o) Feb
Contact (c) Mary Walls, admissions secretary, 0131 5387766, mwalls@st-marys-music-school.co.uk; also for younger years 7 to 9
www.stmarysmusicschool.co.uk/study/choir-school
 (cs), (o) Duncan Ferguson, music@cathedral.net
www.cathedral.net

Ely Cathedral, in conjunction with King's School, Ely
Scholarships c (boys years 3-8; girls years 7-11); sixth form awards (boys and girls years 12-13); o (sixth form)
Deadline applications anytime; formal trials (girls) Jan, (boys) Feb/Mar
Contact (boys) Edmund Aldhouse, e.aldhouse@elycathedral.org (also for informal pre-trial); (girls and all sixth form) Sarah MacDonald sarahmacdonald@kingsely.org for informal pre-trial; Admissions staff 01353 660702, admissions@kings-ely.cambs.sch.uk
www.elycathedral.org
www.kingsely.co.uk

◀ **Exeter Cathedral**

Scholarships c (boys and girls), cs (counter-tenors or contraltos, t, b – through Exeter University or gap), o
Gap sometimes (cs)
Be a chorister for the day 28 Nov 2020
Deadline as soon as possible (cs & o)
Trials (c) late Jan; (cs) any time by arrangement
Contact (c) Katharine Pearce 01392 255298, k.pearce@exetercs.org, www.exetercs.org; (cs & o) Timothy Noon 01392 430923 timothy.noon@exeter-cathedral.org.uk www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

G

Glasgow Cathedral (St Mungo's or High)

Scholarships cs (men and women), o
Gap yes (students and postgrads)
Deadline Apply anytime
Contact Andrew Forbes, andrew.forbes@glasgowcathedral.org www.glasgowcathedral.org

Glasgow, St Bride's Episcopal Church

Scholarships cs (alto, tenor, bass)
Gap yes
Deadline Applications accepted all year-round and trials arranged accordingly.
Contact Rebecca Tavener 07801 239596, cappella.nova@strath.ac.uk https://stbridesglasgow.wordpress.com

Gloucester Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys 2020; girls and boys 2021)
Deadline Apply anytime
Contact Helen Sims 01452 508212, helen@gloucestercathedral.org.uk www.gloucestercathedral.org.uk

Guildford Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys 7-13, girls 9-18), o
Deadline (boys) Oct, (girls) by appointment, (o) please enquire
Trials (boys) Nov, (girls) by appointment, (o) see website
Contact Katherine Dienes-Williams 01483 547866, katherine@guildford-cathedral.org www.guildford-cathedral.org

H

Hampton Court Palace, Chapel Royal

Scholarships c (boys), cs, o
Contact Carl Jackson 020 3166 6516, music@chapelroyal.org www.chapelroyal.org

Hampton School

Scholarships cs (in conjunction with the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace)
Contact Iain Donald, director of music 020 8783 4200, music@hamptonschool.org.uk www.hamptonschool.org.uk

Hereford Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys), cs (a, t, b – one of each, lasting 1 year), o (annual)
Gap yes
Deadline none; enquire anytime
Contact Geraint Bowen 01432 374238, organist@herefordcathedral.org www.herefordcathedral.org

Hexham Abbey

Scholarships c, o (scholarships for sixth-formers from the locality)
Deadline enquiries always welcome
Contact Michael Haynes 01434 602031, directorofmusic@hexhamabbey.org.uk www.hexhamabbey.org.uk



▲ Aaron Hawthorne is the new organ scholar at Glasgow Cathedral

L

Lancing College

Scholarships cs (boys & girls age 13+/year 9), o (16+/year 12)
Deadline mid-Dec before year of entry
Contact Mrs Sarah Linfield, 01273 465805, admissions@lancing.org.uk www.lancingcollege.co.uk

Leeds (RC) Cathedral / Leeds University / Huddersfield University / Leeds College of Music

Scholarships cs (men & women, all voice parts), o. Also available: schools choral scholarships, and choral conducting scholarships
Deadline none, but early in the year is advisable

Trials on application
Contact (cs) Jessica Shears, Diocese of Leeds Music Office office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk; (o) Benjamin Saunders 0113 244 8634 www.dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk

Leeds Parish Church / Leeds University / Leeds College of Music

Scholarships c, o
Contact Simon Lindley 0113 255 6143, (mob) 07860 293591, choir@leedsparishchurch.com www.leedsparishchurch.org.uk

Leicester Cathedral

Scholarships cs (men & women), c (boys & girls)
Contact Christopher Ouvry-Johns 0116 261 5374, chris.ouvry-johns@leccofe.org http://leicestercathedral.org

Lichfield Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys and girls), cs (sixth form; alto, tenor, bass)
Contact Sandra Slater, registrar at the Cathedral School, 01543 306168, s.slater@lichfieldcathedralschool.com www.lichfield-cathedral.org, www.lichfieldcathedralschool.com

Liverpool Anglican Cathedral

Scholarships cs (men & women) (£3,500 pa + free accommodation in Cathedral Close), o (£5,000 pa + accommodation)
Deadline please enquire
Contact Lee Ward, director of music, 0151 702 7291, lee.ward@liverpoolcathedral.org.uk www.liverpoolcathedral.org.uk

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs, o
Contact Jacqueline Larrosa, 07775615589, j.larrosa@metcathedral.org.uk www.liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk

Llandaff Cathedral

Scholarships c
Contact Richard Moorhouse 029 2057 5218, rm1971@btinternet.com www.llandaffcathedral.org.uk

London, All Saints Church, Fulham

Scholarships cs, o
Contact Organist and director of music, Jonathan Wikeley 07966 969746, jonathanwikeley@gmail.com (contact anytime for further information) www.allsaints-fulham.org.uk

London, Dulwich College

Scholarships c (boys), cs, o
Contact Mrs Elsa Tatevossian tatevossiane@dulwich.org.uk www.dulwich.org.uk

London, Royal Hospital, Chelsea

Scholarships The Royal Hospital Organ Scholarship (£4,250 bursary and accommodation at low rent, age 18-27)
Contact William Vann, organist and director of music, 020 7881 5249, will.vann@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk www.chelsea-pensioners.org.uk

London, St George's (RC) Cathedral, Southwark

Scholarships c (boys & girls)
Deadline End of April.
Trials Annual auditions for boys & girls take place during May.
Contact Norman Harper, director of music, 020 7928 5256, music@stgeorges.org.uk www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk

London, St Martin-in-the-Fields

Scholarships cs (SATB), o
Deadline please enquire
Contact Cathy Martin 020 7766 1108, choirs@smiftf.org www.stmartin-in-the-fields.org

London, St Mary's Battersea

Scholarships cs (SATB), o
Contact Tyrone Whiting tyrone.whiting@googlemail.com www.stmarysbattersea.org.uk

London, St Paul's Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys), o
Chorister experience day and Open day 13 Oct 2020
Deadline (c) enquiries welcome throughout the year, (o) see website
Contact (c) Angela Palotai, 020 7236 6883, apalotai@stpaulscathedral.org.uk www.stpauls.co.uk

London, St Paul's Cathedral School

Scholarships c (boys)
Open day 13 Oct 2020
Gap yes
Contact Clare Morgan 020 7248 5156, admissions@spcs.london.sch.uk www.spclsondon.com

London, Southwark Cathedral

Scholarships cs, o
Contact Ian Keatley 020 7367 6703, susanna.bloomfield@southwark.anglican.org www.southwark.anglican.org

London, Temple Church

Scholarships c (boys)
Deadline none
Trials throughout the year
Contact Liz Clarke 020 7427 5650, liz@templechurch.com www.templechurch.com

London University, King's College

London
Scholarships cs (men & women), o
Contact Joseph Fort, 020 7848 2333, choir@kcl.ac.uk www.kcl.ac.uk/choir

London University, Royal Holloway

Scholarships cs (men & women), o
Contact Rupert Gough 01784 414970, choraladmin@rhul.ac.uk www.chapelchoir.co.uk

London, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance

Scholarships cs (12 Trinity College London choral scholarships p.a., for male and female undergrad. and postgrad. students)
Contact Ralph Allwood, r.allwood@trinitylaban.ac.uk www.ornc.org/chapel-choir

London, University of Greenwich

Scholarships c (David Fussey Choral Exhibition, available to any student already enrolled on a full-time course at the University of Greenwich)
Deadline 30 Sep each year

Contact Chris Shelley, director of student and academic services, 020 8331 8905, c.j.shelley@greenwich.ac.uk www.greenwich.ac.uk/choir

London, Westminster Abbey

Scholarships c (boys only, incl. school bursaries)

Chorister experience days

10 Oct 2020, 13 Mar 2021
Deadline enquiries welcome throughout the year

Contact (c) 020 7654 4981, music@westminster-abbey.org, choirschool@westminster-abbey.org www.abbeychoirschool.org

London, Westminster Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys 8-13), o
Open day please enquire
Contact Lucy Augar, registrar, choir school 020 7798 9081, lauger@choirschool.com www.westminstercathedralchoir.com

M

Manchester Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys & girls), o
Deadline none
Voice trials by arrangement with the director of music
Contact Christopher Stokes 0161 833 2220 www.manchestercathedral.org

N

Newcastle, Cathedral Church of St Nicholas

Scholarships c (in partnership with Newcastle School for Boys, Gosforth, for boys entering Years 3 to 8); cs (men and women a, t, b in full-time education, from

£2,012 pa + fees and free singing tuition; four services per week); o
Contact Michael Stoddart 0191 232 1939, directorofmusic@stnicnewcastle.co.uk, michael.stoddart@stnicholascathedral.co.uk
www.stnicholascathedralmusic.co.uk
Norwich Cathedral Scholarships c, cs
Contact Tracy Bigwood 01603 218 306, liturgyandmusicpa@cathedral.org.uk
www.cathedral.org.uk
Nottingham, St Mary the Virgin Scholarships cs, o
Contact John Keys, director of music, scholarships@stmaryschoirnottingham.com
www.stmaryschoirnottingham.com

Oxford, St Edward's School Scholarships Music scholarship (13+ and 16+)
Open days 2 main open days and a regular mini-open day per term
Contact Registrar Nicola Jones 01865 319200, director of music Alex Tester, testera@stedwardsoxford.org
www.stedwardsoxford.org
Oxford University Scholarships c
Contact Owen Rees 01865 279173
www.admissions.ox.ac.uk/orgscholars
Oxford, Magdalen College Scholarships c (boys 7-12 yrs, held at Magdalen College School), cs (undergrad), o (2 for undergrads)
Gap enquire
Deadline early September
Contact 01865 286701, choir@magd.ox.ac.uk
www.magdalencollegechoir.com

Portsmouth Cathedral Scholarships c (boys 7-14 and girls 11-18), cs (c-t, t, b), o
Gap yes (or while studying at the Universities of Portsmouth, Chichester or Southampton)
Deadline (c) Oct each year, (cs, o) Oct & Feb each year
Trials (c) by appointment, (cs, o) Nov & Mar each year
Contact Dr David Price 023 9282 3300 ext. 225, music@portsmouthcathedral.org.uk
www.portsmouthcathedral.org.uk

Radley College Scholarships c (boys, yrs 2-8; music scholarships yr 9), o (yr 12)
Deadline (c) anytime; (music scholarships, o) Jan 2021
Trials (c) termly
Contact Sam Gladstone 01235 543034, musicadmin@radley.org.uk
www.radley.org.uk
Ripon Cathedral Scholarships c (boys & girls)
Deadlines none; enquire anytime
Trials By appointment at any time
Contact 01765 603496, singing@riponcathedral.org.uk
www.riponcathedral.org.uk
Rugby School Scholarships cs (13+), o (16+)
Contact Richard Tanner, director of music, 01788 556207, music@rugbyschool.net
www.rugbyschool.net

St Albans Cathedral Scholarships o
Gap yes – pre-university, undergrads and postgrads considered (bursary and fees of c.£14-15,000 pa and rent-free accommodation (s/c 1-bed flat)).
Contact Lizzie Smyth 01727 890245, music@stalbanscathedral.org
www.stalbanscathedral.org
St Andrews University Scholarships cs (men & women), o
Trials by appointment
Contact Chris Bragg 01334 462226, cjb30@st-andrews.ac.uk
www.stsalvatorschapelchoir.co.uk
St Davids Cathedral Scholarships cs, o
Gap undergrads & postgrads
Contact Oliver Waterer 01437 720128, stdavidsmusic@gmail.com
www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk
St Edmundsbury Cathedral Scholarships c (boys), cs (sixth formers, male c-t, t, b), o
Gap yes (but no accommodation)
Open days none; get in touch to organise visit
Deadline none; enquire anytime
Trials By appointment
Contact Richard Cook 01284 748737, adom@stedscathedral.org
www.stedscathedral.co.uk
Salford, St John's (RC) Cathedral Scholarships cs (men & women)
Deadline none
Contact Martin Barry 0161 443 4104
www.salforddiocese.org.uk/music/cathedral-choir
Salisbury Cathedral Scholarships c (boys & girls), o
Deadline please enquire
Trials see website
Be a chorister for the day Oct
Voice trials workshop 7 Nov 2020
Voice trials Jan & Feb
Deadline please enquire
Informal pre-audition Director of

music David Halls, and assistant director of music John Challenger, are also able to offer an informal 'pre-audition'.
Contact (c, o) David Halls 01722 555125, d.halls@salcath.co.uk; (c) Kathy Davies 07979 378926, chorister.recruitment@salcath.co.uk
bit.ly/1TJczdc, bit.ly/32oNTC9
Shrewsbury School Scholarships c (boys & girls), o
Contact Stephen Williams 01743 280580, chapelchoir@shrewsbury.org.uk
www.shrewsbury.org.uk
Southwell Cathedral Scholarships o
Contact Paul Provost 01636 817297, reactorchori@southwellminster.org.uk
www.southwellminster.org.uk
Stowe School Scholarships Music scholarship (ages 13 & 16)
Contact Admissions 01280 818323
www.stowe.co.uk

Tewkesbury Abbey Scholarships c (boys), cs (men), o
Contact Simon Bell 01242 258000, sabell@deanclose.org.uk
www.scholacantorum.org.uk
Truro Cathedral Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (a, t, b), o
Deadline as soon as possible
Contact Director of music 01872 276782, christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk
www.trurocathedral.org.uk

Wakefield Cathedral Scholarships c (boys & girls)
Recruitment & trials Tests take place at any time of year, but the main recruitment time is May/June to Sep
Contact Thomas Moore 01924 373923, thomasmooore70@gmail.com
www.wakefieldcathedral.org.uk

▼ Music scholar at St Edward's School, Oxford



COURTESY ST EDWARDS SCHOOL

Warwick, St Mary's Collegiate Church Scholarships c (boys attending Warwick Junior and Senior Schools), o
Deadline 31 Dec
Trials Jan, but the director of music is available to hear potential choristers all year round.
Contact Oliver Hancock 01926 403940, musicadmin@stmarys-warwick.org.uk
www.stmarys-warwick.org.uk
www.warwickschool.org.uk
Wells Cathedral Scholarships cs (men), c (boys & girls), o
Trials ongoing
Contact music office 01749 674483
www.wells-cathedral.org.uk
Winchester Cathedral Scholarships c (boys & girls)
Voice trials workshop (boys) Jan
Trials (boys) by appointment
Auditions (girls) Mar
Contact Choirs administrator 01962 857219, choirs@winchester-cathedral.org.uk; Ali Dugdale, The Pilgrims' School 01962 854189, admissions@pilgrims-school.co.uk
www.winchester-cathedral.org.uk,
www.thepilgrims-school.co.uk
Winchester College Scholarships c, o
Contact Malcolm Archer or Ali Dugdale at The Pilgrims' School (for Quirister places only) 01962 854189, admissions@pilgrims-school.co.uk
www.winchestercollege.org
Winchester, Pilgrims' School see Winchester Cathedral (above)
Windsor Castle, St George's Chapel Scholarships c (boys, age 7-9), o
Contact (o) Chapter Office 01753 848888, chapteroffice@stgeorges-windsor.org; (c) Music administrator 01753 848797, music@stgeorges-windsor.org
www.stgeorges-windsor.org
Worcester Cathedral Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (A, T, B), o
Gap cs, o (pre- & post-university)
Be a chorister for an afternoon (boys) 22 Nov 2020 & 7 Mar 2021; (girls) 23 Jan 2021
Deadline choral and organ scholarships are advertised in Nov; closing date will be advised in the application pack. Choristers (boys & girls): please direct enquiries to Samuel Hudson at any time.
Contact Samuel Hudson, director of music, 01905 732916, samuelhudson@worcestercathedral.org.uk
www.worcestercathedral.co.uk
Wycliffe College Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (boys & girls)
Deadline please enquire
Contact Fiona Lawson-Best 01453 820412, fiona.lawson-best@wycliffe.co.uk
www.wycliffe.co.uk

York Minster Scholarships c (boys & girls, at Minster School), cs (a, t, b, normally with York Univ.)
Gap in special circumstances
Deadline enquire any time
Trials as advertised
Contact Robert Sharpe, director of music, music@yorkminster.org
www.yorkminster.org