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 c, o
Deadline apply all year round.
Contact Christopher Cromar, master of music 01224 60119, cathedral@aberdeen.anglican.org www.cathedral.aberdeen.anglican.org

Bangor Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls; incl. funding for inst & vocal tuition and exam fees), c, o
Gap yes
Deadlines none
Open morning (Sing with the Choristers) at regular intervals, apply for details.
Auditions by appointment
Contact Paul Bloor 01248 354015, music@bangorcathedral.org www.bangorcathedral.org.uk

B

Bristol, Clifton Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls 9-13), cs, o
Trials The director of music is happy to hear from applicants all year round.
Deadline none, although (c) early application preferred.
Auditions (c) Nov, Feb, May; advisory auditions and trials for younger years all year round.
Trials (c) all year round, (o) Feb
Contact (c) Mary Walls, admissions secretary 0117 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

C

Cambridge University (all colleges)
Scholarships c (boys – Kings & St John’s only – contact individual college), cs (men & women), o
Contact (c & cs) Peter Foggitt (pif21@cam.ac.uk), (o) Andrew Arthur, a373a@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

Chester Cathedral
Scholarships c, o
Trials By appointment, throughout the year.
Contact David Flood 01227 865242, david_flood@canterbury-cathedral.org www.canterbury-cathedral.org/worship/choir

Chesterton Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), c (men) Pass
Deadline none
Auditions by appointment.
Contact Philip Rushforth 01244 294481, philip.rushforth@chestercathedral.org www.chestercathedralchoir.co.uk

CIC
Young choristers at Ely Cathedral
Contact Philip Rushforth 01244 290074, philip.rushforth@chestercathedral.org www.chestercathedralchoir.co.uk
Chester Cathedral
Scholarships c, o
Trials throughout the year.
Contact Richard Paterson 01243 812487, liturgymusic@chichestercathedral.org.uk www.chichestercathedral.org.uk

Durham Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls 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.
Deadline none, although (c) early application preferred.
Auditions (c) Nov, Feb, May; advisory auditions and trials for younger years all year round.
Trials (c) 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

Dublin, St Patrick’s Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys), o
Contact Stuart Nichollson, director of music 0353 1 453 9472, organist@stpatriackscathedral.ie www.stpatriackscathedral.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

E

Edinburgh, Fettes College
Scholarships c
Contact Tracy Den 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 (c) 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.camsbs.sch.uk www.elycathedral.org, www.kingsely.co.uk

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Exeter Cathedral
Scholarships (boys & girls, cs (counter-tenors or contraltos, t – 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@exeter.org.uk, www.exeter.org.uk
(cs & o) Timothy Noon 01392 430923 timothy.noon@exeter-cathedral.org.uk www.exeter-cathedral.org.uk

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

Guildford Cathedral
Scholarships (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 (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 lain Donald, director of music 020 8783 4200, music@hamptonschool.org.uk www.hamptonschool.org.uk

Hereford Cathedral
Scholarships (boys), cs (a, b – one of each, lasting 1 year), o (annual)
Gap yes
Deadline none; enquire anytime
Contact Geraint Bowen 01432 374238, geraint.bowen@exeter.org.uk www.choirandorgan.com

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

H
London Metropolitan Cathedral
Scholarships (boys & girls), cs, o
Deadline 16/12
Contact Jacqueline Larrson, 07776 515589, larrson@metcathedral.org.uk www.liverpoolmetrometropolitan.org.uk

Llandaff Cathedral
Scholarships cs (men & women, all voice parts), o
Contact Organist and director of music, Jonathan Wikeley 07966 969746, jonathan.wikeley@llandaff.org.uk (contact anytime for further information)

London, All Saints Church, Fulham
Scholarships cs, o
Contact William Vann, organist and director of music, 020 7881 5249, will.vann@chelsea-pensioners.org.uk www.chelsea-pensioners.org.uk

London, Dulwich College
Scholarships (boys), cs, o
Contact Mrs Ela Tatevossian, tatevossian@dulwich.org.uk www.dulwich.org.uk

London, Royal Hospital, Chelsea
Scholarships The Royal Hospital Organic Scholarship (4,425 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, Southwark Cathedral
Scholarships (boys & girls), cs, o
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.stgeorges.org.uk

London, St George’s (RC) Cathedral, Southwark
Scholarships cs (boys & girls)
Deadline 30 Sep each year
Contact Chris Shelley, director of student and academic services, 0203 831 8905, c.s_shelley@greenwich.ac.uk www.greenwich.ac.uk/choha www.abbeychoirschool.org

London University, Royal Holloway
Scholarships cs (men & women), o
Contact Rupert Gough 01784 414970, choralaadmin@ruh.ac.uk www.chapelschoi.co.uk

London, Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance
Scholarships (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.trinitylaban.ac.uk/chapelschoi

London, University of Greenwich
Scholarships (David Fussley 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.s._shelley@greenwich.ac.uk www.greenwich.ac.uk/choha

London, Westminster Abbey
Scholarships (boys only, incl. school bursaries)
Contact 020 7365 5760, music@westminster-abbey.org choirschool@westminster-abbey.org www.abbeychoirschool.org

London, Westminster Cathedral
Scholarships (boys 8-13), o
Open day please enquire
Contact Lucy Auger, registrar, choir school 020 7798 8081, lauger@choirschool.org www.westminstercathedralschool.com

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

Newcastle, Cathedral Church of St Nicholas
Scholarships cs (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...
S
St Albans Cathedral Scholarships o
Gap yes – pre-university, undergrads
and postgrads considered (bursary and
fees of c.£14,150 per year) and rent-free
accommodation (s/c 1-bed flat).
Contact Lizzi Smyth 01727 890245,
music@stalbanscathedral.org
www.stalbanscathedral.org
St Andrews University Scholarships
Trials by appointment
Contact Chris Bragg 01334 462226,
cjb30@st-andrews.ac.uk
www.statalvatorschapelchoir.co.uk
St Davids Cathedral Scholarships o
Gap undergrads & postgrads
Contact Oliver Waterer 01437 720128
stdavidsmusic@gmail.com
www.stdavidscathedral.org.uk
St Edmunds Cathedral Scholarships
(c, o) (pre- & post-university)
Trials by appointment
Contact Richard Cook 01284 748737,
adam@stedcathedral.org
www.stedcathedral.org.co.uk
Salford, St John’s (RC) Cathedral Scholarships
(c) (men & women)
Deadline none; enquire anytime
Contact Martin Barry 0161 443 4104
www.salforddiocese.org.uk/music/
cathedral-choir
Salisbury Cathedral Scholarships
(c, o) (boys & girls)
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
bly/TJcxd/e; bly/260NTC9
Shrewsbury School Scholarships
(c, o) (boys & girls)
Contact Stephen Williams 01743 280580,
chapelschoir@shrewsbury.org
www.shrewsbury.org.uk
Southwell Cathedral Scholarships o
Trials
Contact Paul Provost 01636 817297,
rectorchoir@southwellminster.org
www.southwellminster.org
Stowe School Scholarships o
Music scholarship (ages
13 & 16)
Admissions 01280 818323
www.stowe.co.uk
T
Tewkesbury Abbey Scholarships
(c, o) (boys, c) (men)
Trials by appointment
Contact Simon Bell 01422 258000,
sabella@deanclose.org.uk
www.scholarcantorum.org.uk
Truro Cathedral Scholarships
(c, o) (boys & girls, c, o) (t, b)
Deadline as soon as possible
Contact Director of music 01872 276782,
christophergray@trurocathedral.org.uk
www.trurocathedral.org.uk
W
Wakefield Cathedral Scholarships
(c, o) (boys & girls)
Recruitment & trials Tests take place
at any time of year, but the main recruitment
time is May/Jun to Sep
Contact Thomas Moore
01924 373923, thomasmoo70@googlemail.com
www.wakefieldcathedral.org.uk
Music scholar at St Edward’s School, Oxford
Warwick, St Mary’s Collegiate Church
Scholarships (c, o) (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@stmaryswarwick.org.uk
www.stmaryswarwick.org.uk
www.warwickcathedral.org.uk
Wells Cathedral Scholarships
(c) (boys & girls, o) (t, b)
Trials ongoing
Contact music office 01749 674483
www.wellscahtedral.org.uk
Winchester Cathedral Scholarships
(c, o) (boys & girls)
Voice trials workshop (boys) Jan
Trials (boys) by appointment
Auditions (girls) Mar
Contact Choirs administrator 01962
857219, choirs@winchester-cathedral.
org.uk; Al Diego, The Pilgrims’ School
01962 854189, admissions@pilgrims-school.co.uk
www.wincethercathedral.org.uk
www.thepilgrims-school.co.uk
Winchester College Scholarships
(c, o) (boys; age 7–9), (c, o) Choral Scholarships
(c, o) (boys, age 7–9), o
Contact (c) 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, o) (boys & girls, c) (A, T, B)
Gap, c, 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.org.uk
Wycliffe College Scholarships
(c) (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, o) (boys & girls, at Minster School), c, o
Trials in special circumstances
Deadline enquire any time
Contact Robert Sharp, director of music,
music@yorkminster.org
www.yorkminster.org
Ripon Cathedral Scholarships
(c, o) (boys & girls)
Trials By appointment at any time
Contact 01423 710346,
singers@riponcathedral.org.uk
www.riponcathedral.org.uk
Rugby School Scholarships
(c) (boys & girls)
Trials By appointment at any time
Contact 01295 236496,
snt@rugbyschool.net
www.rugbyschool.net
Radley College Scholarships (c, o) (boys, yrs 2–8; music
scholarships yr 9), o (yr 12)
Deadline (c) anytime; (music scholarships, o) Jan 2021
Trials (c, o) (termy)
Contact Sam Gladstone 01235 453034,
musicadmin@radley.org.uk
www.radley.org.uk
W
Wycliffe College Scholarships
(c) (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, o) (boys & girls, at Minster School), c, o (t, b,
normally with York Uni)
Gap in special circumstances
Deadline enquire any time
Trials as advertised
Contact Robert Sharp, director of music,
music@yorkminster.org
www.yorkminster.org