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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

If you have opportunities for choristers, choral scholars and organists that are not listed, please email maggie.hamilton@markallengroup.com.

Bangor Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls; incl. funding for instr & vocal tuition and exam fees), 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 cs (sopranos), o
Gap yes
Contact David Hardie, head of music, 0121 262 1840, david.hardie@birminghambcatedral.com
www.birminghambcatedral.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

Bristol, Clifton Cathedral
Scholarships (also Exhibitions) cs (A,T,B), o
Gap yes
Deadline anytime
Tours by appointment
Contact Richard Jeffrey-Gray, music@cliftondiocese.com
www.cliftondiocese.com

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

Cambridge University (all colleges)
Scholarships c (boys – King’s & St John’s only – contact individual colleges), cs (men & women), o
Contact (c & cs) Peter Foggett, pif21@cam.ac.uk; (o) Andrew Arthur, aa373@cam.ac.uk
bit.ly/2TbcDy2
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Cambridge, St John’s College
Scholarships c (boys)
Trials Mr Nethsingha is available to hear potential applicants all year round
Contact Caroline Marks, 01223 338718, c.f.marks@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 01227 865242, david.newsholme@canterbury-cathedral.org.uk
Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral
Scholarships c, cs & o
Gap yes
Trials by appointment at various points through the year
Contact Richard Sólyom, Music dept administrator 01228 547916, musicadmin@cardiffcathedral.org.uk
Contact Elspeth Manders
Music @chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk
01245 294481,
dpnmetropolitan@gmail.com
Chester Cathedral
Scholarships c, cs
Deadline Auditions are available throughout the year
Contact Philip Rushforth 01244 509974, philip.rushforth@chestercathedral.org.uk
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 (boys & girls from year 3), cs, (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 Binnis 07760 766199, alexander@derbycathedral.org.uk
www.derbycathedral.org

Dublin, Christ Church Cathedral
Scholarships c (girls), cs, o
Gap yes
Contact Ian Keatley +353 1 677 8099, ian@christchurch.ie
Contact Stuart Nicholson, director of music +353 1 453 9472, organist@stpatrickschatedral.ie
www.stpatrickschatedral.ie

Durham Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs, o
Trials by appointment.
Contact Daniel Cook 0191 374 4066, music@hamptonschool.org.uk
020 8783 4200,
music@hamptonschool.org.uk

Durham University, St Chad’s College
Scholarships cs, o (12 chor al 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.muttitt@durham.ac.uk
bit.ly/366CYjJ

E

Edinburgh, Fettes College
Scholarships c, 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 (c) all year round, (o) Feb
Contact (c) Admissions secretary, admissions@st-marys-music-school.co.uk; also for younger years 7 to 9 bit.ly/3dpMzpv
(cs), (o) Duncan Ferguson, music@cathedrallc.net
www.cathedrallc.net

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

Exeter Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (c-t or a, t, b – through Exeter University or gap), o
Gap sometimes (cs)
Be a chorister for the day 27 Nov 2021
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 & women), o
Gap yes (students & 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://sbirdjesglasgow.wordpress.com

Gloucester Cathedral
Scholarships c (girls & boys)
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@chapelryal.org
www.chapelryal.org

Hampton School
Scholarships cs (in conjunction with the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace)
Contact Dan Roland, 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@hexhamabbeey.org.uk
www.hexhamabbeey.org.uk

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L

Lancaster
Scholarships c (boys & girls age 13+ & year 9), o (16+ & year 12) Deadline mid-Dec before year of entry Contact Mrs Sarah Linfield, 01273 465805, admissions@lancaster.org.uk www.lancastercollege.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 (c) Jessica Shears, Diocese of Leeds Music Office office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk; (o) Benjamin Saunders 0113 244 8634 office@dioceseofleedsmusic.org.uk www.lichfield-cathedralschool.com the Cathedral School, 01543 306168, Contact

Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs, o Contact Jacqueline Larrosa, 0151 708 7283, jlarrosa@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 Tatrossian tatrossian@di udwich.org.uk www.dudwich.org.uk

London, Royal Hospital, Chelsea Scholarships The Royal Hospital Organ Scholarship (£4,650 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 Jonathan Schrants, director of music, stgeorges.org.uk www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk

London, St Martin-in-the-Fields Scholarships cs (S,A,T,B), o Deadline please enquire Contact Cathy Martin 020 7766 1108, choirs@smtpiff.co.uk 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 Deadline (c) enquiries welcome throughout the year, (o) see website Contact Angelo Palotai, 020 7236 6883, apalotai@stpaulscathedral.org.uk www.stpauls.co.uk

London, St Paul’s Cathedral School Scholarships c (boys) Gap yes Contact Clare Morgan 020 7248 5156, admissions@spcs.london.org.uk www.spclondon.com

London, Southwark Cathedral Scholarships cs, o Contact Ian Keatley, director of music, cathedral@southwark.anglican.org www.southwark.anglican.org

London, Temple Church Scholarships c (boys); cs (girls), for the Temple Singers (see feature, p.52) Deadline none Trials throughout the year Contact Susan Keeling 020 7427 5650, susan@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, choralsadmin@rhul.ac.uk www.chapelchoir.co.uk

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

Manchester Cathedral Church of St Nicholas Scholarships c (in partnership with Newcastle School for Boys, Gosforth, for boys entering yrs 3-8); cs (men & women a, 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@stnichnewcastle.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  yes
Deadline  (cs, o) early September; (c) not fixed
Trials  Informal auditions can be arranged throughout the year; formal auditions usually in Sep.
Contact  Melanie Bennette, 01865 286701, choir@magd.ox.ac.uk
www.magdalencollegechoir.com

P
Portsmouth Cathedral
Scholarships  c (boys 7-14 & 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

R
Radley College
Scholarships  c (boys, yrs 2-8; music scholarships yr 9), o (yr 12)
Deadline  (c) anytime; (music scholarships, o) Jan
Trials  (c) termly
Contact  Sam Gladstone 01235 543034, musicadmin@radley.org.uk
www.radley.org.uk

Ripon Cathedral
Scholarships  c (boys & girls)
Deadline  Enquiries welcome anytime
Trials  Early autumn term (tbc)
Contact  Lizzie Smyth 01727 890245, music@riponcathedral.org.uk
www.riponcathedral.org.uk

Rugby School
Scholarships  cs (boys & girls, yrs. 3-8 at Bilton Grange Prep. School; music scholarships yr.9 at Rugby School)
Gap  yes (at Bilton Grange; post-grad. at Rugby School)
Trials  by appointment
Contact  Richard Tanner, rjt@rugbyschool.net bit.ly/2TgKi9q

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

St John's (RC) Cathedral
Scholarships  cs (men & women)
Deadline  none
Contact  Alex Patterson 0161 817 2210, alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
www.salfordcathedral.co.uk

St John's College
Scholarships  c (boys & girls, o)
Deadline  please enquire
Trials  Be a chorister for the day
Deadline  2 Oct 2021
Voice trials workshop 4 Dec 2021
Voice trials (girls) 15 Jan 2022, (boys) 5 Feb 2022
Informal pre-audition  Director of music David Hills, and assistant director of music John Challenger, are also able to offer an informal ‘pre-audition’.

S
St Albans Cathedral
Scholarships  o
Gap  yes – pre-university, undergrads & postgrads considered (bursary and fees of c.£14-15,000 pa and rent-free accommodation (s/c 1-bed flat)).
Deadline  Enquiries welcome anytime
Trials  Early autumn term (tbc)
Contact  Lizzie Smyth 01727 890245, music@stalbanscathedral.org
www.stalbanscathedral.org

Salisbury Cathedral
Scholarships  c (boys & girls), o
Deadline  please enquire
Trials  Be a chorister for the day
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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, rectorchori@southwellminster.org.uk
www.southwellminster.org.uk

Stowe School
Scholarships Music scholarship (ages 13 & 16)
Contact Admissions 01280 818323
www.stowe.co.uk

T
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/Jun to Sep
Contact James Bowstead, 01924 37923, james.bowstead@wakefieldcathedral.org.uk
www.wakefieldcathedral.org.uk

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@stmaryswarwick.org.uk
www.warwickcathedral.org.uk

Well College
Scholarships c (boys, age 7-9), o
Contact Chapter Office 01753 848888, chapteroffice@wycliffe.org.uk
www.wycliffe.org.uk

Worcester Cathedral
Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (A, T, B), o
Gap cs, o (pre- & post-university)
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 St Peter’s 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

Deadline please enquire
Contact (c, o) David Halls 01722 555125, d.halls@salcath.co.uk;
(c) 01722 555315, chorister.recruitment@salcath.co.uk
bit.ly/1TJczdc, bit.ly/32oNTC9
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Truro Cathedral
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Deadline as soon as possible
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www.trurocathedral.org.uk
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Trials as advertised
Contact Robert Sharpe, director of music, music@yorkminster.org
www.yorkminster.org

Choral scholars at St Mary’s Episcopal Cathedral, Edinburgh

Deadline please enquire
Contact (c, o) David Halls 01722 555125, d.halls@salcath.co.uk;
(c) 01722 555315, chorister.recruitment@salcath.co.uk
bit.ly/1TJczdc, bit.ly/32oNTC9