



SCHOLARSHIPS & VOICE TRIALS

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▲ Young choristers at Salisbury Cathedral

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.

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 cs (sopranos), o
Gap yes
Contact David Hardie, head of music, 0121 262 1840, 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 (also Exhibitions) cs (A,T,B), o
Gap yes
Deadline anytime
Trials by appointment
Contact Richard Jeffrey-Gray, music@cliftondiocese.com
www.cliftonms.com

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
bit.ly/2TbcDy2

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 Minster / Leeds University / Leeds College of Music

Scholarships c, o

Contact Alex Woodrow 0113 245 2036, alex.woodrow@leedsminster.org, www.leedsminster.org

Leicester Cathedral

Scholarships cs (men & women), c (boys & girls)

Contact Christopher Ouvry-Johns 0116 261 5374, chris.ouvry-johns@leicestercofe.org, <http://leicestercathedral.org>

Lichfield Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys & 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) (£3,750 pa + free accommodation in Cathedral Close), o (2 available; £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, 0151 708 7283, 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 (£4,650 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 Schrantz, director of music, 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@smif.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
Deadline (c) enquiries welcome throughout the year, (o) see website
Contact Angela 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.sch.uk, www.spcslondon.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, 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 & female undergrad. & 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 aged 7-9, incl. school bursaries), o

Chorister experience days

9 Oct 2021, 5 Feb & 7 May 2022

Deadline (c) enquiries welcome throughout the year; (o) see website

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

(o) music@westminster-abbey.org, www.westminster-abbey.org

London, Westminster Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys 8-13), o

Open day please enquire

Contact (c) Lucy Augar, director of admissions, choir school 020 7798 9081, lauger@choirschool.com, www.choirschool.com/chorister.html (o) William Waine, music administrator, musicadmin@rcdow.org.uk, 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 yrs 3-8); cs (men & 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

O

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 (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)

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 (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

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

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 Alex Patterson 0161 817 2210, alex.patterson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk, www.salfordcathedral.co.uk

Salisbury Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys & girls), o

Deadline please enquire

Be a chorister for the day

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 Halls, and assistant director of music John Challenger, are also able to offer an informal 'pre-audition'.

▼ Nicholas Freestone is organ scholar at St Paul's Cathedral, London



COURTESY ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, LONDON (GRAHAM LACROIX)

JAMES PARSONS



▲ 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

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

W

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 September
Contact James Bowstead, 01924 373923, james.bowstead@wakefield.cathedral.org.uk www.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.stmaryswarwick.org.uk www.warwickschool.org.uk

Wells Cathedral

Scholarships c (boys & girls), cs (A (men & women), T, B)
Trials ongoing

Contact music office 01749 674483 www.wellscathedral.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; Emma Short, 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 Howard Ionascu or Emma Short at The Pilgrims' School (for Quirister places only) 01962 854189, admissions@pilgrims-school.co.uk www.winchestercollege.org

Winchester, Pilgrims' School

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)

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

Y

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