



Girl Chorister Application

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The Director of the Girls' Choir is always pleased to hear from the parents of musical girls who would enjoy and benefit from membership of the Cathedral Girls' Choir.

ADMISSION

Girls are normally admitted to the Choir between the ages of ten and eleven years. An initial probationary period gives the new girls time to discover whether they are suited to membership of the Choir. To begin with girls come to the Cathedral only ONCE a week, on Tuesdays (4.30pm - 5.00pm). This gives them a chance to acclimatise. Girls leave the choir when they reach the end of the lower sixth academic year.

We are unable to accept applications in respect of girls who may be sent to boarding school before the age of 13+ (end of Year 8), or to any day school where she may be involved in choral or other activities which would preclude her continued participation in the Cathedral Choir.

NORMAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE

Girls come to the Cathedral after school twice on weekdays, according to the following timetable:

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| Monday | 4.30pm - 6.15pm | Rehearsal |
| | 5.30pm - 6.15pm | Evensong with Gentlemen of the choir |
| Tuesday | 4.30pm - 5.00pm | Probationers (New girls) |
| Thursday | 4.30pm - 6.15pm | Rehearsal, Evensong alternate Thursdays |
| Friday | 4.30pm - 6.15pm | Individual and group singing lessons |
| Sunday | 9.30am - 4.00pm | Once a term |

EXTRA SERVICES

From time to time, the Girls' Choir will be expected to sing at special services. They are joined by the Cathedral Lay Clerks to sing at Consecrations, special Diocesan services and the Eucharist on Christmas Day and Easter Day.

COMMITMENT

Regularity of attendance is essential, although it is understood that school journeys etc. are inevitable interruptions from time to time.

TOURS AND VISITS

There are regular opportunities for visits to sing outside the Cathedral and the choir also undertakes concerts tours abroad – recent visits include Ireland, France and Poland.

EXPENSES

Girls are paid full travelling expenses. At the end of the term they receive pay according to seniority.

HOLIDAYS

The Choir is on holiday for a fortnight after Christmas and Easter and for seven weeks during the summer holidays.

TRANSPORT

The Cathedral is next to London Bridge Railway Station, Bus Station and Underground. It is within easy reach of all parts of South London.

ENQUIRIES

All enquiries should be addressed to the Director of the Girls' Choir, Stephen Disley.

Audition Form

I, the undersigned, desire that my daughter should attend an audition for possible entry into the Cathedral Choir. Please use capital letters

Girl's Full Name

Full Address

.....Postcode

Telephone..... Date of Birth.....

Email

Name and address of present school.....

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Name of Head teacher.....

Name of parent or guardian.....

Signature of parent or guardian

Please return this form to:

Stephen Disley

Director of the Girls' Choir

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London Bridge, London SE1 9DA

Music Office: 020 7367 6708

Email: stephen.disley@southwark.anglican.org