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CATHEDRAL

# Worcester Cathedral Choir Girl Choristers





There has been a choir singing in Worcester Cathedral for over 1000 years and this long tradition is carried on today by the boys and girls who join the choir. Children wishing to be considered for choristerships at Worcester are given an assessment of their musical potential and vocal qualities at auditions that are scheduled as required. Girls are usually aged between 12 and 15 at audition, and remain in the choir until 18.

Girl Choristers meet to rehearse on Saturday mornings and afternoons. They sing Evensong at 5.30 pm on Saturdays with the Lay Clerks (professional singers who provide the alto, tenor and bass parts.) The girls also occasionally sing for the 10.30am Eucharist and Evensong at 4.00pm on Sundays. The Choir also gives concerts, makes recordings and broadcasts and travels abroad on tours.



The Choir observes school holidays with the exception of Church festivals such as Christmas and Easter.

The Cathedral Choir specialises in sacred repertoire, including Renaissance polyphony, Victorian choral works by composers such as Stanford, Ireland and Wood, and in twentieth-century English composers including Tavener and Britten.



While the highest levels of attendance and commitment are necessary, the benefits for the choristers are equally high. Being part of the choir helps to develop skills in self-discipline, organisation, time-management and teamwork, as well as all-round musicianship and opportunities for friendship and fun!

# WORCESTER CATHEDRAL GIRL CHORISTER

## Audition Application Form

*Please complete form in block capitals*

GIRL'S FULL NAME	
HOME ADDRESS	
TEL. NUMBERS <i>Home, parent's mobile and girl's mobile</i>	
EMAIL ADDRESSES <i>Parent's and girl's</i>	
DATE OF BIRTH	
SCHOOL ATTENDED	
CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR (09-10)	
PARENTS'/GUARDIANS' FULL NAMES & ANY EXTRA CONTACT DETAILS	
PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE	

1. **Can you read music?** YES / NO

2. **Do you sing in any other choirs?** YES / NO

*Please give name of choir(s) and how long you have been a member*

3. **Do you have singing lessons?** YES / NO

*Please include name of current/most recent singing teacher and number of years learning*

4. **Do any of your family members sing in a cathedral or church choir already?** *If Yes, please give details* YES / NO

5. **Do you play any instruments?** YES / NO

*Please give details of exams taken and how many years you have been learning each instrument*

6. **Please write a paragraph or two about yourself on a separate sheet**

*Include your hobbies, interests and anything else you would like to mention*

Please return this form to **Christopher Allsop** *Assistant Organist*

Auditions will be held whenever convenient

**If you would like to have a chat about the Cathedral Choir before applying, do give me a ring on the number below or send an email**

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