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**GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY: SCHOOL VISITS ARE JUST
THE TICKET FOR PROMISING YOUNG SINGERS**



Some of the current members of the Bradford Cathedral choir who came in through 2018's 'Golden Ticket' scheme.

The Music Department at Bradford Cathedral will be heading out to local primary schools in the city.

The scheme sees the department visit up to ten schools a week, across Bradford, Calderdale, Kirklees and Leeds. At each school they run special inclusive singing workshops with school

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children in years three and four.

Alex Berry, Director of Music:

“At the workshops we explain about the choir and at the end all the children who have taken part in the workshop get the opportunity to sing to us in small groups, and those who we think are really promising will be given a Golden Ticket to take home at the end of school.”

The Golden Tickets are a special invitation to a ‘Be a chorister’ event held at Bradford Cathedral on Saturday 13th April, a morning where the child can come in with their parents to take part in some singing workshops with the music department staff.

Alex Berry:

“We also speak to their parents and explain what it is to be a chorister and they get to observe a chorister singing lesson and choir practice.”

The Saturday workshop also includes a short service and, at the end, cake and refreshments. The children also get the chance to sign up for the Bradford Cathedral Saturday Singers, who meet every Saturday morning, as the first step on the journey to becoming a full member of the choir.

Alex Berry:

“We ran this for the first time last year, and we recruited twenty-one new members and all of them have stayed with the choir and are doing really well.”

We spoke to some of the choir members who came through last year’s Golden Ticket scheme, about their experiences.

“We did singing tests to find out if we could be part of the choir. I got my golden ticket by reading a short story.”

“I got my Golden Ticket as we were doing class-by-class singing. We were in groups of four and sang part of the song.”

And was it a fun experience?

“It’s been really good! They should really look forward to becoming part of the choir.”

The Bradford Cathedral choir will be visiting schools from the 25th February and will be giving out Golden Tickets to promising children who’ll then be invited to the ‘Be A Chorister’ event on Saturday 13th April.

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Notes for Editors

About Bradford Cathedral

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more. Bradford Cathedral celebrates its centenary in 2019.

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