

Policy Statements for Members & Parents of Cathedral Choirs

Choir Duties, Rehearsals & Services, Probationer Choristers, Head Choristers

Cathedral Choir (CC)

Unless otherwise stated:

- Probationers attend all rehearsals and services.
- Choristers wear school uniform for all choir events.
 - Rehearsals are in the Song School.

Please note these are REHEARSAL START TIMES: Choir members and parents should make sure their son/daughter arrives no earlier than 10 minutes before these times so that we can maintain a punctual start and make the best use of the time available.

The King's School car parking information for boy chorister parents is shown below and will be the normal routine unless there is a stated change on a specific date within this document. Parents bring and collect boys from Song School.

Sunday (No parking available in King's School car park)

9.15am	Boys' Rehearsal
9.30am	Full Rehearsal
10.15am	The Eucharist (ends c.11.30am)
2.00pm	Boys' Rehearsal
2.20pm	Full Rehearsal
3.00pm	Evensong (Ends c. 3.50pm)

Monday

7.45am	King's School car park open for drop off
8.05am - 9.05am	Boys' Rehearsal

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday

7.45am	King's School car park open for drop off
8.05am	Boys' Rehearsal (Ends: Tue 9.05 (Senior and Junior boys); Wed 9.35 (Junior boys); Friday 9.20 (Junior boys))
3.30pm - 4.00pm 4.30pm)	Choral Scholars' rehearsal (Friday rehearsal 4pm-4.30pm)
4.30pm - 6.45pm	King's School car park open for boy chorister parents

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4.40pm	Boys' Rehearsal
4.50pm	Full Rehearsal
5.30pm	Evensong (ends c. 6.10pm)

Saturday

2.15pm - 3.15pm	Choral Scholars' rehearsal
3.00pm	King's School car park open for drop off
3.15pm	Boys' Rehearsal
3.45pm	Full Rehearsal in the Quire
4.15pm	Break
4.30pm - 6.45pm	King's School car park open for boy chorister parents
4.30pm	Evensong (ends c. 5.15pm)
5.20pm	Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars rehearsal (30 mins)

Cathedral Girl Choristers (CGC)

The King's School car parking information shown below is for the parents of girl choristers attending the King's School and will be the normal routine unless there is a stated change on a specific date within this document:

Girl Choristers who do not attend King's School have a Cathedral car pass for the Cathedral Staff car park in Pitt Street for drop off and collection only. Parents bring girls to Song School.

Monday

4.00pm - 4.30pm	Theory tuition (Group A)
4.30pm - 6.45pm	King's School car park open for KS girl chorister parents
4.30pm - 5.15pm	Rehearsal, Song School
5.30pm-6.10pm	Evensong

Thursday

4.00pm - 4.30pm	Theory tuition (Group B)
4.45pm-6.10pm	Rehearsal, Song School
4.30pm - 6.45pm	King's School car park open for KS girl chorister parents

Saturday

10.30am - 1.30pm	King's School car park open for KS girl chorister parents
11.15am- 1.00pm	Rehearsal, Song School

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Cathedral Youth Choir (CYC) Age range: Year 10 to Year 13

Monday

4.40pm - 6.10pm

Youth Choir Rehearsal in Song School

Thursday

4.40pm

Youth Choir Rehearsal in Quire stalls (please collect music from Song School quietly and do not go into the Song room)

5.30pm

Youth Choir Evensong (ends c. 6.10pm)

Cathedral Middle Choir (CMC) Age range: Year 6 to Year 9

Parents bring children to the Cathedral Education Centre for rehearsals on Saturdays

Saturday (Term time only)

11.00am

CMC rehearsal commences

12.00pm

CMC depart

Cathedral Junior Choir (CJC) Age range: Year 2 to Year 5

Parents bring children to Lady Chapel for rehearsals on Saturdays and to the Nave choir stalls on Sundays.

Saturday (Term time only) in Cathedral Lady Chapel

9.15am

CJC rehearsal commences

10.30am

CJC depart

2nd Sunday of each month except March and August (unless otherwise notified).

9.45am - 10.10am

Rehearsal in Nave

10.15am

Eucharist (ends 11.30am)

Plus Joint services on: Mothering Sunday + Easter Sunday + Christmas Family Services

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Probationer Choristers - Cathedral Choir boy and girl choristers

When a boy or girl chorister joins the Cathedral Choir, they are a 'Probationer' and fitted out with a cravat and a red cassock.

Probationers will be expected to stand in the stalls to the side of the choir and to follow the service and the music. Gradually they will be introduced into the main body of the choir. In order that Probationers get used to the full choristers' routine as quickly as possible, they are expected to attend every rehearsal and service, usually from Year 3.

When a probationer is ready, they take a test. If he/she is successful, he/she will be admitted as a 'full chorister'. During a 'making up' ceremony, candidates will take an oath, and will then receive a white surplice. They will then be led, by the presiding priest, to their place in the choir stalls.

The Dates List should show any services that the Probationers do not need to attend. If in doubt about any event featured in the Dates List, please email the Chorister Tutor (boys) or the Singing Development Leader (girls) for clarification.

Occasionally some choristers are accepted before a scholarship place is available, depending on their age and experience. They may be asked to attend on a part time basis. The chorister and the parents will be included for all social events as appropriate.

Head Choristers - Cathedral Choir boy and girl choristers

Each side of the Choir ('Decani' and 'Cantoris') will have a 'Head Chorister'. Senior Choristers are offered the opportunity to become Head Choristers. The Head Choristers are encouraged to take on more leadership roles, as well as setting an example to other Choristers, and guiding those who are new to the Choir.

'Head Choristers' will receive their medals and will be asked to proclaim their duties, usually at the beginning of the academic year.