



**WARWICK**  
SCHOOL

# Choral Scholarships



For boys entering or attending Warwick School  
and the Choir of St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick

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Through the generous benefaction of Mr Percy Swiffen, at least two Choral Scholarships, each to the value of £1650 per annum, may be awarded each year to boys who are either entering or attending Warwick School and the Choir of St Mary's Collegiate Church, Warwick.

A Choral Scholarship is valid for the duration of a chorister's career in both Warwick School and St Mary's Church Choir, unless he is awarded a Governors' Scholarship, bursary or other remission of fees on entry to the Senior School in which case the value of the scholarship is reviewed. The Choral Scholarship will be used in its entirety to remit part of the school fees at Warwick School. An ex-chorister is awarded a pension of not less than half of the Choral Scholarship originally awarded while still a member of Warwick School, for a period of time not exceeding the period of time that he had held the Choral Scholarship.

The value of Choral Scholarships and Pensions is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

## Eligibility

**Choral Scholars will be required to attend all choir practices and church services which take place outside Warwick School hours.**

Candidates will be auditioned in voice and musicianship by the Director of Music of St Mary's Collegiate Church. They will be required to do sufficiently well in those tests, and to reach a sufficiently high academic standard in the Warwick School Entrance Assessments in November for the award of a scholarship.

### **Standard of attainment required:**

#### **a) Voice-Trial and Musicianship**

**Candidates will be required to:**

Sing a piece of their own choice (an extra copy of the work must be provided for the accompanist).

Receive simple ear tests (including, for example):

- Recognise pitches.
- Clap the rhythm of a simple melody played twice.
- Sing a simple melody played twice.

Candidates who are able to offer an instrument will be expected to play a piece of their own choice (an extra copy of the work must be provided).

Read a simple passage from a book.

**b) Academic**

Please see the school prospectus or website for details of the academic requirements.

**For further information on Warwick School please contact:**

**Mrs Vicky Tomblin, Admissions Registrar**

**Warwick School | 01926 776414**

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## Could your son be a chorister at St Mary's, Warwick?

The first choir at St Mary's was founded in 1123 and today Britain's Cathedral-style choral tradition is the envy of the world. The benefits of singing, for a child's academic and musical development and general well-being, are widely recognised. Choristers come to St Mary's from a wide area and do not need any previous experience, just an interest in singing and music and a clear voice with a good musical ear. There remains a unique link with Warwick School dating from the school's foundations.

### What is the regular time commitment?

- The choirs sing during the school term.
- New boy choristers rehearse after school on Tuesdays and gradually attend the full schedule below:
- Boys rehearse after school on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Boys usually sing for morning and evening services on Sundays.
- Outside term-time the choirs sing for special services at Christmas and Easter and occasionally tour during the holidays.

# What are the benefits of being a chorister?

- Performing music by great composers with experienced adult singers led by specialist professional musicians.
- Taking part in concerts, television and radio broadcasts, commercial recordings and national and international tours.
- Developing leadership skills, personal confidence, self-motivation, self-discipline and a sensitivity to heritage and culture within a supportive environment.
- Improving academic performance and helping to stay healthy through regular singing.
- Enjoying being part of a team with a strong sense of identity and forming lasting friendships.
- Receiving pocket money for singing.
- A free, outstanding musical education; many choristers go on to attain musical scholarships at university.
- Having great fun!

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## Contact

The Director of Music would be delighted to hear from children and their parents who would like to find out more about the choirs at St Mary's Collegiate Church at any time.

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