

Choral Scholarship

A Choral Scholarship may be awarded to a boy entering the First Year. Choral Scholars are expected to take a leading part in the Chamber Choir and to play a full part in the musical life of the School, throughout their School career. This may include playing in an orchestra, ensemble or band if their instrumental ability is of a sufficiently high standard.

Choral Scholarships are awarded in conjunction with the Chapel Royal at Hampton Court Palace. Choral Scholars are therefore required to be, or to become, choristers of the Chapel Royal and to comply with the regulations for choristers at the Chapel Royal, as set out in the “Conditions of a Chorister” which can be found on the Music and Choral Scholarships webpage.

When a Choral Scholar's voice changes, his obligation to the Chapel Royal ceases; but he is expected to remain in the School Chamber Choir or to return to it when he can, and to contribute in other ways to the musical life of the School.

Candidates must reach the qualifying academic standard in the 11+ Entrance Examination.

The School reserves the right not to award the Choral Scholarship if, in the assessors' opinion, the candidates are not of a sufficiently high standard.

Auditions

Auditions for the Choral Scholarship are held at the Chapel Royal. Candidates will be asked to sing at least one prepared piece of their own choice and to sight-read music of an appropriate standard.

The audition will also include aural tests and questions on general music topics. Preference may be given to a candidate who has some ability on an instrument. There will be an opportunity for each candidate to perform an instrumental piece of his own choice should he wish to do so.

Key dates

For entry to the First Year at 11+ in September 2017 <i>(candidates must be under the age of 12 on 1 September 2017 to be considered for an award)</i>	
Closing date for applications	Friday 2 December 2016
Auditions	Tuesday 24 January 2017
Scholarship decisions	Thursday 9 February 2017 <i>(by first class post)</i>
Scholarship acceptance deadline	Monday 6 March 2017