



CHAPEL ROYAL
HAMPTON COURT PALACE
EAST MOLESEY
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CONDITIONS OF CHORISTER ADMISSION

The Choir is subject to the jurisdiction of the Lord Chamberlain's Office and of the Dean of the Chapels Royal (the Bishop of London).

The Choir normally comprises 16 choristers and 6 Gentlemen.

What you can expect from the Choir:

- Top class training in all aspects of singing sacred choral music - both theoretical and practical.
- An experience that will provide you with a firm musical foundation and stand you in good stead for any future career.
- The development of your musical memory, aural alertness and reading skills.
- Participation – to a professional standard - in some of the finest choral music written for the church

What it expects from you:

- To sing as well as you can at all times, to the best of your ability
- To be dedicated and committed during your time as a chorister, and to set high standards of performance, reliability and personal conduct for other choristers to follow.
- To prioritise choir commitments above other activities. Because of the demanding nature of the Choir's schedule, regularity of attendance is required. This is also important for probationers as they learn the repertoire and adapt to the choristers' way of life. You will usually be required to attend as follows:-

Tuesdays	Practice:	5 - 6.10pm
Fridays	Practice:	6 - 7.15pm
Sundays	Rehearsal	9.45am
	Service	Matins/Eucharist: 11 - 12. 10pm
	Rehearsal	2.15pm
	Service	Evensong: 3.30 - 4.20pm

Choristers will also be required for rehearsals and a service on the morning of Good Friday, Christmas Day, and for occasional other services and concerts as notified in advance.

Choral services cease during the summer after the third week in July, and resume in the second week of September.

In addition, Choristers are free for two weeks after Christmas Day, one week after Easter Day, for six other services during the year and during the three school half-term holidays. The autumn half-term lasts for two weeks.

As Choristers are free for at least twelve weeks each year, absence is not permitted except through illness. If, though, a clash of Chapel duties and compulsory participation in a school activity is foreseen, this should be communicated at once in writing to the Director of Music.

White shirts and clean, black shoes are worn with robes. Parents are responsible for ensuring that you have practical, neat haircuts, appropriate for public appearance at services in the Chapel Royal.

Choristers receive a weekly personal allowance; parents receive a Choral Foundation award to assist with the cost of instrumental, theory or vocal tuition.

There is a Choral Scholarship, awarded annually by the Governors of Hampton School for entry at 11+, tenable at the Chapel Royal and the School. Scholarships may carry a remission of up to 25%. The value of a Scholarship is not dependent on parental income. Scholarships may be supplemented by means-tested Bursaries. Information about the scholarship and the examination requirements is available from the Admissions Manager, Hampton School, Hanworth Road, HAMPTON TW12 3HD Tel: (020) 8979 9273; E-mail: admissions@hamptonschool.org.uk