



Bury St Edmunds
County Upper

St Edmundsbury Cathedral



Cathedral Choral Scholar and School Musician in Residence

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is looking to appoint a Choral Scholar (ATB, male or female) for the academic year 2019-2020. The scholarship is suitable for graduate or gap-year students and offers the opportunity to work with and learn from the music department at an exciting time in the Cathedral's ministry.

Bury St Edmunds County Upper School is a highly-regarded and inclusive secondary school. It has a strong tradition of musical and performing arts excellence and with links with the cathedral and wishes to appoint a Musician in Residence.

The joint award is initially for one year, though it may be extended depending on individual circumstances. The scholarship provides an excellent opportunity to become part of the strong community in the vibrant cathedral and market town of Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

St Edmundsbury Cathedral Music Department

Canon Precentor:	Philip Banks
Director of Music:	James Thomas
Assistant Director of Music:	Richard Cook
Organ Scholar:	Matthew Foster
Liturgy and Music Administrator:	Anna Elliss

The **Cathedral Choir** consists of Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars. The boys and Lay Clerks provide the music at the majority of Cathedral services. Boys attend a variety of schools across Bury St Edmunds.

The **St Edmundsbury Singers** is a ladies' choir. They rehearse and perform every other week, and sing at special services and events throughout the year and are directed by the Assistant Director of Music.

The **St Cecilia Chorale** is a youth choir, comprising mainly of former choristers and ex-St Cecilia Juniors. They sing evensong four times per term, and participate in special services and events throughout the year.

The **St Cecilia Juniors** are a girls' choir directed by the Assistant Director of Music. They sing Evensong twice per term, and participate in special services and events throughout the year.

The **Colts choir** is a junior boys' choir, who sing evensong every half-term, with the probationer choristers.

Duties at the Cathedral

The Cathedral's Music Department aims to enable the Choral Scholar to gain experience of singing at all the choral services which require the Cathedral Choir to participate. It offers the opportunity to:

- Participate in music making of a high standard.
- Gain experience in singing a broad range of repertoire.
- Assist with chorister probationer training.
- Assist the music staff with the music library and with any other tasks that may be deemed reasonable.
- Sing occasionally with the St Cecilia Chorale when required.



There are occasional services on Saturday afternoons (Ordinations, Bishop's Chorister Awards service, Diocesan Choirs' Festival), for which plenty of notice will be given. Occasional events such as concerts, tours, recordings and broadcasts are similarly advertised well in advance.

Bury St Edmunds County Upper School Music Department

The subject is very strong at this well-renowned 13-18 upper school which has an enviable reputation for the Arts. It was selected by the BBC for a national feature last autumn because of its support for, and programme of, Arts education at a time of decline across the country.

We have strong links with the County Music Service whose Western Area Hub is based within our school and we train music teachers from a variety of ITT providers. Our school is part of an all-through trust with two middle schools and a primary. We provide support and additional musical experiences to these pupils and there is an annual trust performance at The Apex.

The music department runs a rich extra-curricular programme of ensembles and activities. Our Chamber Choir is highly regarded and, like many of our ensembles, performs widely by request. It was selected to perform a specially-composed piece at the Britten Centenary Concert in Snape Maltings which was broadcast around the world. Recent music tours have included Venice and Suffolk Virginia, USA.



Duties at Bury St Edmunds County Upper School

- Direct our Chamber Choir
- Work alongside the music team rehearsing our other choirs
- Act as a vocal specialist – especially for examination recitals

- Other duties may include supporting/accompanying students with ABRSM students with examinations, Grade 5 theory and conducting/accompanying/playing in other musical ensembles in the school.



Remuneration

Alongside an honorarium of between £6000-£9000, the choral scholar is provided with spacious accommodation (with a minimal charge to cover the cost of utilities such as gas/electricity/broadband) in an annex with spectacular views of the Cathedral, The organists will offer support and guidance during the scholarship, and the Cathedral offers free singing tuition as

part of the scholarship. Choral Scholars may also be asked to sing for weddings, broadcasts and occasional services for which extra fees are usually payable.

Safeguarding

The appointed candidate will need to have an enhanced DBS check (including barred list check) before commencing work.

Safeguarding training will be supplied.

The appointed candidate will be required to adhere to the Safeguarding Policy and all other Policies of the cathedral and school when working.

How to apply:

Potential applicants are welcome to contact the cathedral or school by email or to have a telephone conversation about the post. Please contact James Thomas (Cathedral: Director of Music) and/or Rebekah Green (Bury St Edmunds County Upper School, Director of Music) as follows:

James Thomas: Cathedral – Director of Music
01284 748720 dom@stedscathedral.org

Rebekah Green: Bury St Edmunds County Upper School – Director of Music
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Shortlisted candidates will be asked to perform a piece of solo repertoire. The process will also involve some basic musicianship tests, a formal interview, and a rehearsal with the school choir.

Closing date: 18th October 2019

Interview date: TBC

Please apply, using the Cathedral's Application Form, to:

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