



# St Edmundsbury Cathedral



## Cathedral Organ Scholar and School Musician in Residence

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is looking to appoint an organ scholar for the academic year 2020-2021. 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.

King Edward VI School is a highly-regarded and inclusive secondary school. It has a strong tradition of musical and performing arts excellence and with historic 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, at the Sunday eucharist once a 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 four times per term, with the probationer choristers.

The Cathedral is fortunate to possess one of the finest organs in the country – a beautiful 2010 Harrison and Harrison, with 59 speaking stops and 3663 pipes.

## Duties at the Cathedral - the Derek Marsden Organ Scholarship

Our scholarship can be tailored to fit the candidate's skills and experience, but here is a general outline of duties:



- To accompany psalms, canticles, anthems, hymns and play organ voluntaries as agreed on a regular basis.
- To assist and observe the organist when required.
- To attend choral rehearsals as requested. There will be opportunities for the Organ Scholar to rehearse and conduct.
- To assist with chorister probationer training.
- To assist the music staff with the music library and with any other tasks that may be deemed reasonable.
- To sing occasionally with the Cathedral Choir at choral services, and/or regularly with the St Cecilia Chorale.

## King Edward VI School Music Department

Music is very important to our school – within and beyond the classroom. We are looking to appoint an exceptional *Musician in Residence* from September 2020.

The subject is very strong at all levels at this over-subscribed Platinum Arts Mark School. The department is a key strength of the school. According to our last OFSTED, 'students really enjoy music and comment that it is one of the best subjects. They all feel valued as musicians which represents a significant achievement'.



We have strong links with Cambridge University and train music teachers from Homerton College. We also enjoy strong musical relationships with many local primaries, who benefit from our wide-ranging expertise, enabling many musical experiences for their own pupils with our support. This is set to increase in future years, as we plan to develop an outreach musical programme with some of these schools, to cement and enhance this relationship.

The department runs a rich extra-curricular programme of ensembles and activities. *Ex Silentio*, our senior vocal group, has competed successfully at national level and has undertaken international tours. The group has also sung Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral.

## Duties at King Edward VI School

Act as accompanist/vocal specialist – especially for A-Level recitals.

- Accompany weekly rehearsals with Ex Silentio taking the opportunity to co-direct as required.

- Work closely with the music team, taking a lead/specifically supporting our performances in the Cathedral.
- 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 organ 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, and overlooking the former West Front of the Abbey. The Cathedral organists will offer free organ tuition as part of the Scholarship experience. There are also opportunities to play for extra services, for which a fee is 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 Mark Hird (King Edward VI School: Assistant Headteacher) as follows:

James Thomas: Cathedral – Director of Music  
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Alex Fouracre-Smith, King Edward VI School: Head 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 keyboard tests, a formal interview, and a rehearsal with the school choir.

**Closing date:** 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Interview:** TBC

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

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