



# 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 2021-2022. 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 and musical development.

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 (from May 2021)	Tim Parsons
Assistant Director of Music:	Richard Cook
Freelance Music Advisor:	William Saunders
Choral Scholar:	Lewis Wright
Music and Liturgy Administrator:	Naomi Sturges

The Cathedral Choir consists of Boy and Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks (Lower Voices) and Choral Scholars.

The boys, girls and Lay Clerks provide the music at the majority of Cathedral services. Boys and girls attend a variety of schools across Bury St Edmunds.

The St Edmundsbury Singers is a ladies' choir. They rehearse and perform every other week, sing at special services and events throughout the year and occasionally go on tour.

The Children's Choir are a mixed choir for 7-11 year olds with the emphasis on having lots of fun!

The Youth Choir is a group comprising mainly former choristers. They sing evensong four times per term, and participate in special services and events throughout the year.

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. Do visit the Cathedral YouTube channel to have a listen!

## 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 Youth Choir

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.

## 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 £6000 to £8000, the organ scholar is provided with accommodation (with a minimal charge to cover the cost of utilities such as gas/electricity/broadband) within walking distance of the Cathedral. The Cathedral organists will offer free organ tuition as part of the Scholarship experience. Conducting tuition will also be available. 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 Naomi Sturges (St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Music and Liturgy Administrator) and/or Rob Herbert (King Edward VI School, Assistant Head) as follows:

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Shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit video recordings of themselves performing two contrasting pieces and a hymn of their choice as well as a list of accompaniments they have recently played. The process will also involve a formal interview via Zoom with both St Edmundsbury Cathedral and King Edward VI School.

Closing date: Midnight, Sunday 28 February 2021

Interview: Week commencing Monday 15 March 2021

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

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