

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CHOIR - PROBATIONERS' INFORMATION SHEET

GENERAL

Boys normally join the Choir between Years 3 and 5 for a probationary period.
Probationers commence singing at the Sunday Choral Mass in the Summer Term.
Probationers are commissioned and presented with a surplice in the Autumn Term.
Commissioned Choristers normally continue to sing until the conclusion of Year 8.
A term's notice is normally required for a Chorister wishing to be withdrawn from the Choir.

REGULAR REHEARSALS

Wednesdays	18.00 - 19.30
Fridays	18.00 - 20.00

REGULAR SERVICES

Sunday	11.30 am Mass during term time (rehearsal 10.15 am)
Advent & Christmas Carol Services	1 st & 4 th Sundays of Advent
Christmas & Easter Days	11.30 am Mass
RSCM Choirs' Festival	Saturday in November

Special Services

RSCM Choirs Festival	Saturday in November
Wednesday	7.00 pm Mass of Chrism
Good Friday	3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Very occasional events including concerts, occasional tour and recordings are notified at the start of each term.

UNIFORM

White shirt & long black trousers, black tie, socks and shoes.
Choir Tie & Choir Sweatshirt (required after commissioning).

AVAILABILITY

Probationers and Choristers do need to be available for the important work and music of the Cathedral.
There are 3 official absences allowed each term (other than illness and school trips).
Choristership is a wonderful but fairly major commitment which should be evaluated against other extra curricular activities and conversely Choristership is a very comprehensive activity.

SONG SCHOOL

Rehearsals take place in the Cathedral Song School which has been recently extended to provide a comprehensive training and social facility for probationers and choristers. The rehearsal room is for the training of the boys and there are additional convenience facilities for parents.

GENERAL (A note about Choristership)

The work of members of the Choir is not only important but also very public and formal, providing beauty and inspiration through music and the liturgy. Part of the training therefore includes encouragement of good presentation and behaviour at all times which is invaluable for a young person.

15th February 2005