

8 January 2024

Be a Chorister for a day at Chester Cathedral

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am very grateful to your Head Teacher for sharing this letter about Chester Cathedral's "Be a Chorister for a day" events. This event is for any child in Year 1 and above who loves to sing and wishes to get a taste of what it is like to be a Cathedral Chorister, or even those who are unsure whether they can!

We are hosting two events: for boys on Saturday 27 January 2024 and for girls on Saturday 3 February 2024. Both events will run from 1.30pm to 5pm at Chester Cathedral; there is no charge and refreshments will be provided. No previous experience or training is required, and all are welcome!

The event will be hosted in the Cathedral's glorious Song School, where the children will have a fun-filled afternoon of singing games and rehearsals with our music staff and current choristers. There will also be a demonstration of the Cathedral's famous Grand Organ. The afternoon will finish with a service of Choral Evensong at 4.15pm, to which you are all warmly invited. For parents, there will be a short talk about what being a chorister involves with Philip Rushforth, Director of Music, and a tour of the Cathedral.

If you would like to book a place for this event or have any further questions, please email Dan Mathieson at <u>dan.mathieson@chestercathedral.com</u> by 20 January. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. We look forward to welcoming you and your family to the Cathedral.

With best wishes,

Dan Mathieson

Head of Music Outreach and Assistant Organist, Chester Cathedral