

Choral scholarship application form

For children and young people at St Paul's Wokingham

1 The child or young person

FULL NAME	NAME THEY LIKE TO BE CALLED
AGE ON APPLICATION DATE	SCHOOL YEAR
HOME ADDRESS	POSTCODE
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS? Yes / No	

2 Parent or carer

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO CHILD
EMAIL ADDRESS	MOBILE NUMBER
A SECOND PARENT/CARER OR ALTERNATIVE CONTACT (OPTIONAL)	

Privacy

We will use the information on this form only to administer the application and contact you about the scholarship scheme. If a scholarship is offered, we will ask separately for emergency contacts, relevant medical information and any necessary permissions.

3 Musical experience

Please tell us what musical experience the child or young person has. This might include singing lessons or instrumental lessons or participation in a school choir. If you have no experience but are keen to try, that's fine too!

MUSICAL EXPERIENCE

4 What the scholarship involves

Choral scholars receive singing lessons and musical training; work towards examined singing awards; normally make two cathedral trips each year; and are paid for each service they sing.

We ask scholars to:

- ☐ attend Wednesday evening rehearsals regularly;
- ☐ sing at least seven services each term, normally on Sunday mornings;
- ☐ arrive punctually, be ready to learn and treat other choir members kindly;
- ☐ take part in lessons and training, and practise between sessions when asked.

In return we will:

- ☐ support scholars with regular singing lessons;
- ☐ pay scholars for singing in services and attending rehearsals (£1.50 primary, £3 secondary);
- ☐ enter scholars into RSCM Singing Award exams when ready;
- ☐ take scholars free of charge on choir trips, such as singing in cathedrals (normally twice a year).

5 Support needed

ACCESS, COMMUNICATION OR OTHER SUPPORT THAT WOULD HELP AT AN INFORMAL AUDITION

6 Declaration

By signing below, we confirm that the information in this application is accurate. We understand the commitments described above, and that submitting an application does not guarantee that a scholarship will be offered.

PARENT/CARER'S SIGNATURE

DATE

7 Returning the form

Please return this form to Louise Turner, Director of Music by 5pm on 23 September 2026.

Email: louise.turner@spauls.org.uk Address: St Paul's Parish Rooms, Reading Road, RG41 1EH

What happens next

We will contact you about an informal audition. This is a chance for the applicant to meet the director of music and for us to hear their voice; it is not intended to be intimidating. After we receive your application we will be in touch to let you know when the audition is and what you should do to be ready.

Questions

If you have any questions about the choral scholarship programme or the application process, please get in touch with Louise Turner louise.turner@spauls.org.uk and she will be happy to answer your questions.

If you would like a paper copy of this form, please contact the parish office parish.office@spauls.co.uk (or by phone on 0118 979 2122).