

# Do you enjoy singing?

*Find out about the*

# Southwell Minster Girls' Choir!



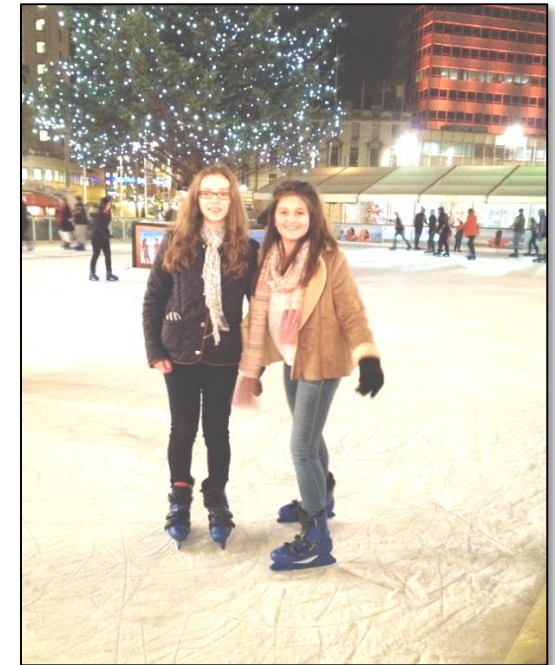
Southwell Minster Girls' Choir, one of the 3 Cathedral Choirs, comprises up to eighteen girls, years 7-13, from the Minster School. As a group they perform weekly, rehearsing on Mondays and Thursdays. As you will read in this brochure, there are many benefits to being in the Girls' Choir!

## FREE Music Tuition!

- girls receive free music theory tuition
- girls are PAID a termly stipend for their contributions to the Cathedral!
- individual voice lessons are provided free with our vocal coach, Suzy Fell.
- Celebrity voice coaches and singers regularly provide occasional free workshops for the girls (Eamonn Dougan, The Sixteen, Hilary Jones)

## Tours, Trips and Recordings

- recent choir tours include Norway (2009) and Holland (2013), with a future trip to Italy in the pipeline
- CD recordings
- yearly participation in the Midlands Four Cathedrals Choir Festival, most recently singing at Derby Cathedral
- regular fun days out: Laser Quest, skating, bowling, BBQs etc!



## Great Music and Atmosphere

- the Girls' Choir is part of the Cathedral's Music Department, and therefore part of an 800 year tradition!
- yearly concerts in the cathedral
- annual performance of Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* which in 2014 was broadcast on local television
- music from many centuries, both sacred and secular, from Haydn and Vivaldi to twentieth-century works
- world première performances of specially commissioned works

## Lasting Benefits and Friendships

- Girls' Choir commitments can be used toward Duke of Edinburgh Awards
- the life skills and discipline gained help many girls in their University applications
- weekly singing in the Cathedral is a confidence booster and rare opportunity
- new friends and experiences to last a lifetime!

## Current Weekly Schedule

### Sunday (occasional)

8.30am Rehearsal

9.30am Sing at the Family Eucharist

10.40am Return home

### Monday

3.45pm Tea (provided) & rehearsal

5.45pm Evensong

6.30pm Return home

### Thursday

8.00am Rehearsal (at Minster School)

8.40am Continue to lessons

3.40pm Rehearsal

4.30pm Return home

***I have loved being in Girls' Choir,  
because I have learnt to read  
music! - Molly, Year 9***

***The choir has given me so many  
fantastic opportunities such as  
tours abroad! It has also left me  
with some lasting friendships.***

**- Charlotte, Year 13**



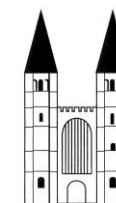
We look for girls with musical potential and a readiness to learn! Auditions can be held anytime and involve singing a short piece of your own choice, and some straightforward ear tests.

If you would be interested in learning more, or auditioning please contact the Director of the Girls' Choir, **Simon Hogan** at

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