

Dear Parent/Carer,

Today I visited Rupert House Prep School with the intention of recruiting 8 children for the renowned choir at St Mary's Church, Henley. Singing in a choir increases focus, helps with your mental wellbeing and gives children valuable life skills. All of this for free!

St Mary's Church Choir is part of centuries of tradition of choral singing and we maintain a very high standard of performance. The choir sing every Sunday in term time and the rehearsal for the children is on Thursday night between 6pm and 7pm. The children get free, high class singing tuition and get the opportunity to perform some of the most wonderful music from the church's vast repertoire, not to mention singing in public every week at services, concerts and recordings. On top of this, they get pocket money paid to them at the end every term.

It's not all work, the choir has a very active social calendar such as trips to the cinema and bowling alleys.

Plans for this year include a trip to Coventry Cathedral, singing at the Royal Regatta Service (an annual event), plus the possibility of a live BBC Radio 4 Broadcast amongst other things.

Membership and commitment to a choir like this also serves well on applications to further education and university places and we are keen to support our choir family members with academia/scholarship references.

I would be delighted to chat with you further about welcoming your child into the choir. We have 8 spaces available so will offer them on a first come first serve basis, so please do get in contact as soon as possible.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With very best wishes,

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