



# St Margaret's Choristers of Westminster Abbey

An exciting **new choir for girls** aged 11–17

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*The community is so strong, such a close-knit group of girls. Immediately we bonded, became really close. And that really helps us to sing well.*

**Leni** – Year 11

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*It's so lovely to feel in this choir that we can reach to the best of our ability, and have so much support for our musical learning - singing, counting, listening, discipline... We learn so much!*

**Heloise** – Year 12

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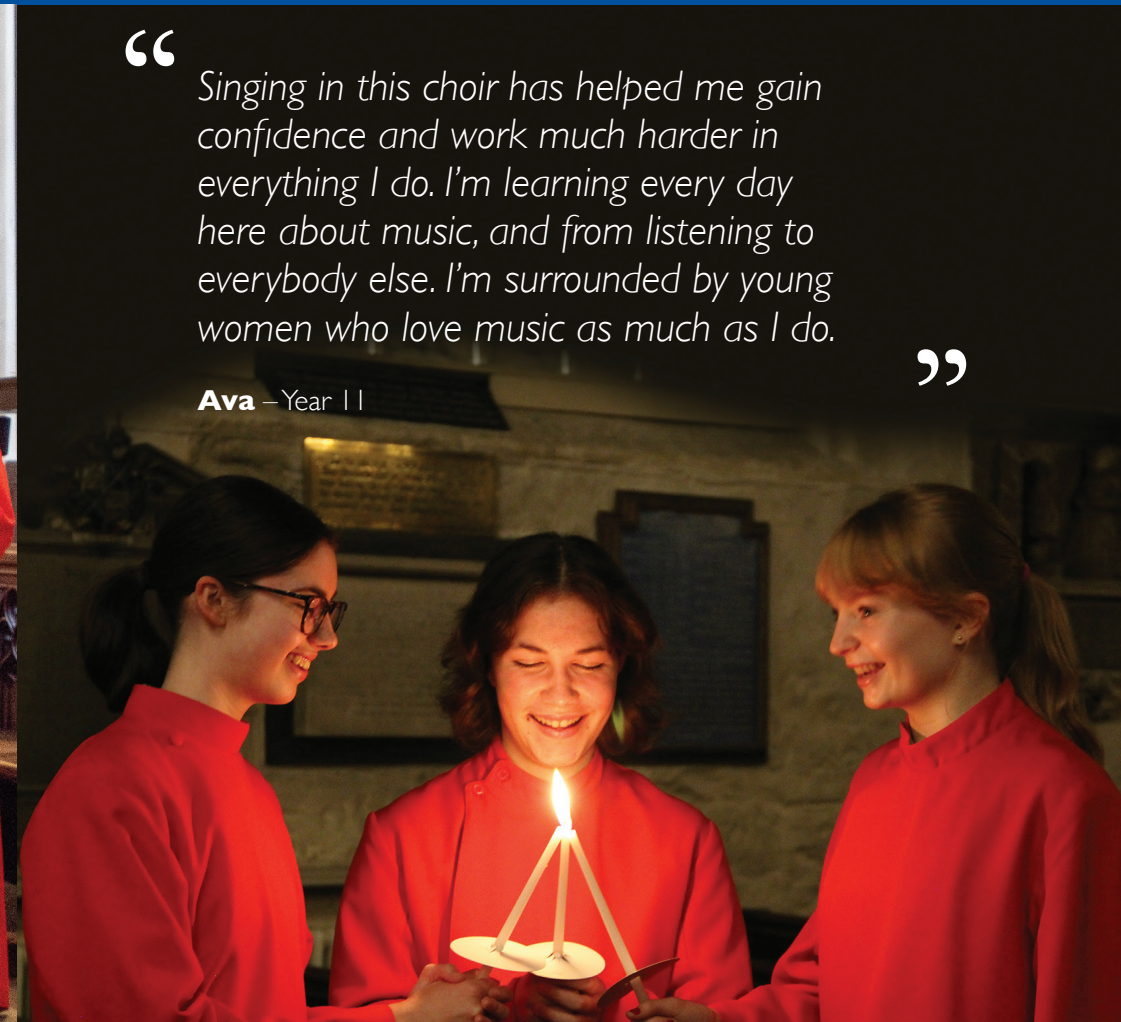


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*Singing in this choir has helped me gain confidence and work much harder in everything I do. I'm learning every day here about music, and from listening to everybody else. I'm surrounded by young women who love music as much as I do.*

**Ava** – Year 11

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## ABOUT THE CHOIR

St Margaret's Choristers offers 24 talented girls from across London an exciting and historic opportunity to sing in a professional choir in Westminster Abbey and St Margaret's Church.

Established in 2023, the 500th anniversary of St Margaret's, the choir consists of twenty girls in Years 8-12, and four junior choristers in Year 7. It sings in term time at the Sunday evening service at St Margaret's Church, Westminster and Wednesday evensongs in Westminster Abbey. The Choristers regularly sing with the professional altos, tenors and basses of the St Margaret's Consort, and are directed by Greg Morris, the Director of Music at St Margaret's (the church on Parliament Square).

The choir sings for a few additional services, such as at Christmas and Easter; while other concerts, recordings and tours will be introduced as the choir develops. The initial group of girls recruited in 2023 represented sixteen different schools across London, and we welcome applications from girls from any school or background.

On joining the full choir in Year 8, each chorister will receive a scholarship of £2,500 per annum: £1,500 will be paid each year, with the remaining £1,000 per annum paid as a lump sum when a chorister leaves the choir at the end of Year 12. Singing lessons (either 1:1 or 1:2) are provided during rehearsals. In return a full commitment to the schedule is expected.

Enquiries about the choir are welcome at any time.  
Please email [StMargaret.Choristers@westminster-abbey.org](mailto:StMargaret.Choristers@westminster-abbey.org)



## APPLICATION

Applications for the choir open in January each year, and are open to girls in Year 6 ready for them to join in Year 7. For further details and an application form, please visit: [www.westminster-abbey.org/st-margarets-church-choristers](http://www.westminster-abbey.org/st-margarets-church-choristers)

Auditions will be held in May-June each year, and will be taken by the Director of Music and a singing teacher. Girls will be asked to sing one piece of their choice, and will be given exercises to explore their vocal range, melodic memory and musical awareness.

We are looking for girls with musical potential and strong commitment to the weekly schedule, not fully-fledged performers.

We welcome potential choristers or their teachers to experience an open rehearsal in Spring. Please email us to book.

## CHORISTERS' SCHEDULE

When a chorister joins in Year 7, their weekly term-time schedule will be:

SUNDAYS	3.00-4.30	Rehearsal
MONDAYS	4.30-5.30	Rehearsal

Choristers in Year 7 will also be asked to sing in occasional services with the full choir.

For choristers in Years 8-12 in the full choir, the schedule is as follows:

SUNDAYS	3.00-4.30	Rehearsal
	4.30-4.50	Break
	4.50-5.40	Rehearsal
	6.00-7.00	Service

TUESDAYS	4.30-5.45	Rehearsal
WEDNESDAYS	4.30-5.45	Rehearsal

Times vary when the choir sings Evensong in the Abbey

If you would like to find out more about choristerships available to boys here at Westminster Abbey and further details of our unique choir school, visit [abbeychoirschool.org](http://abbeychoirschool.org)

## BENEFITS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Scholarship of £2,500 p.a.
- Free singing tuition
- Perform with experienced professional conductor, singers and organists
- Sing in both St Margaret's Church and Westminster Abbey
- Additional musical projects such as concerts, recordings and tours
- Learn and perform a wide range of the finest choral music
- Make new friendships
- Be part of an inspiring team

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*The best thing about the choir is the closeness. You know everyone, we all talk to each other... everyone's really nice*

**Nia** – Year 8

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