



JESUS COLLEGE
CAMBRIDGE

Dear Headteacher,

We hope that you might be kind enough to publicise the Singing Day taking place at Jesus College Cambridge on Saturday 22nd June. At past Singing Days, we have been delighted to welcome more than a hundred children into Jesus Chapel for an informal and fun-packed afternoon of singing which seemed to be greatly appreciated by youngsters and parents alike. No singing experience is necessary and the afternoon is intended to show that singing can be enjoyable, and to encourage all children to make the most of their voices. The day will run from 1.45pm until 5.00pm, and will culminate in a concert – to which all family members are very welcome – with choristers from both Jesus and St Catharine's alongside attendees. Parents/guardians should contact choir@jesus.cam.ac.uk to register.

There are many opportunities for young people to sing in Cambridge and the surrounding area. Two of those opportunities are with the choirs of Jesus College and St Catharine's College. Any interested pupils and their parents are always welcome to get in touch with us to enquire about auditions, or simply to come and visit, and find out more about what the life as a chorister is like.

For **boys**, Jesus College is one of only three Colleges in Cambridge with boy choristers in the choir, and the only College where these choristers attend local schools instead of a boarding choir school. The choristers receive regular voice lessons and tuition in music theory in addition to the training received through weekly choir practices, all at no cost to the child or their parents. A fund contributes towards private instrumental tuition, and international tours in recent years have taken the choristers to Ireland, France, Germany, America, and Switzerland. There are currently 24 probationers and choristers from 13 different schools in the choir and it is important to the College that this opportunity is available to children from all schools and all backgrounds.

For **girls**, the Girls' Choir at St Catharine's College was founded in 2008, offering singing opportunities to girls aged between 8 and 15. The girls attend local schools and rehearse in the College twice a week, singing a service every Tuesday in addition to concerts and other special events. Over recent years, the St Catharine's Girls Choir has participated in several commercial recordings, and broadcasts on BBC Radio, performed at major UK venues such as St John's Smith Square and St David's Hall, Cardiff, and toured in Europe and the USA.

If you would like any further information, please do get in touch with us at the addresses below. Any enquiries regarding the Singing Day may be sent to choir@jesus.cam.ac.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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