

BEING A CHORISTER....



Hi, I'm Rowan, I joined the choir because I loved singing and I always wanted to sing ... I joined the choir when I was 11 which was quite late because you have to finish when you are 13. Most people join when they are around 8, so I only did two years as a full time chorister. When I was 13 I finished as a full time chorister at Chetham's School (Chets) and started a new secondary school, but I carried on singing with the choir at weekends which is good because I got to carry on singing and still see all my friends!! 😊

Being a chorister is hard because of all the services you do and all the music there is to learn, but as you do more of it you get used to it and it becomes much easier, but being a chorister is actually pretty amazing because you make loads of friends and you get to sing all the time!! You also get to sing at services with really important people, in my first year as a chorister the Queen came and we sang lots of amazing music for the service and in my second year we sang for a footballer's wedding which was brilliant because all of the Manchester United Football Club came to the wedding.

The music in the Cathedral is really, really good because you sing things ranging from hundreds of years old to only a couple of years old; some are amazingly loud while others are really quiet. The music is different from day to day, nobody really ever gets bored, and you even get to learn to sing in different languages.

When I'm not singing in the choir I go out with my friends from school and I also play the piano which I started because you automatically have piano lessons when you become a chorister at Chets, which is brilliant; and I really enjoy it.

I think music is very important for worship at the Cathedral because it can help people in their faith. Also there has always been music here - it is a tradition most people love and enjoy.



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QUESTIONS

What is a chorister? What do they do at the Cathedral?

Why do you think music is important in a Cathedral?

What is difficult about being a chorister? What is fun?

Some people think being a chorister is old fashioned? What do you think?
Can you give reasons why it is still important to today's world?

Do you like music or singing?

How do you spend your free time?