



**BILTON
GRANGE**

PREPARATORY
SCHOOL

Chorister Programme **FAQs**

Can my child do everything that BG has to offer?

Yes – we expect Choristers to be able to take full advantage of all BG has to offer. Of course, there may be times that Chorister commitments will need to be prioritised, but the programme has been designed to allow participation in Sports, Drama, Options and the normal Academic timetable. If entering the Programme in Year 3, Choristers will have a much lighter load of singing commitments, giving them time to find their feet in Pre-Prep.

What musical support is there going to be?

Our talented and inspiring team of musicians will provide strong support. The ‘back row’ of singers, as Music graduates or gap year assistants, will lead supervised practice sessions.

What financial support might be available?

A place on the Chorister Programme is treated as a Music Scholarship, which comes with a standard **5% fee remission** and free tuition on up to two instruments learnt at school. Means-tested bursary support **up to 100% of fees** is available for all choristers – please ask the Admissions team for guidance on applications.

Our family is not Anglican – is it still possible to be involved?

Yes – choristers of all faiths and none are welcome; however, they would need to be comfortable with singing Christian music in a religious setting.

I worry that my child will get quite tired.

They will quickly get ‘match fit’ through the routine of rehearsals and services. We find that most children adapt well to the busy nature of life at BG, and prove to be surprisingly resilient. Once they’re used to being a chorister and thoroughly enjoying the experience, tiredness will become less and less of an issue.

What are the academic entry requirements?

The same academic entry requirements apply to pupils joining the Chorister Programme as for any pupil applying to the School. We are broadly non-selective, but will test applicants to ensure we can meet their educational needs and be sure they will thrive at Bilton Grange.

What happens in a voice trial?

Our Music team will want to get to know an applicant’s voice and test the limits and potential of musicianship. We are not looking for a finished product, but choristers with promising musical and vocal talents. We will be running workshops to help applicants prepare for these!

We want to attend the Chorister Experience Day. How can we sign up?

Please fill in the form on the Chorister website (accessible from the front page of the Bilton Grange website), or email admissions@biltongrange.co.uk or the Director of Music at Rugby School on RJT@rugbyschool.net.