

ST OLAVE'S GRAMMAR SCHOOL



APPLICATION FOR WAKEHAM CHORISTERSHIP

NOTES

Mr Michael Wakeham RVM had been Cantoris Bass at The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy for very nearly 50 years, until sadly he died in 2011. He had always been involved with the musical development of the Choristers and had a good-natured concern for their pastoral care during their time singing at the Chapel. In recognition of Mr Wakeham's dedication and service, the students entering the Choristership Scheme are known as Wakeham Choristers.

1. The Scheme is for boys who are in Year 5 at Primary School. A chorister starts at The Queen's Chapel of The Savoy one year prior to joining St Olave's in Year 7. (Year 6 is spent at Primary School but also in the choir at The Queen's Chapel.)
2. A chorister must remain in the choir until his voice breaks and it is agreed by the Chapel that he may leave.
3. This commitment is a condition, under the Wakeham Choristership Scheme, of entry to the School and for continuing in it.
4. Applicants will first take an Academic Test at the School, comprising papers in English and Mathematics, which will determine whether or not the required standard for admission to a Wakeham Choristership at St Olave's has been reached.
5. Those who are successful in the Academic Test will proceed to the Voice Test.
6. The Scheme is limited to a maximum of four choristers in any one year.
7. If more than four boys reach the required standard in both the Academic Test and the Voice Test, places will be offered according to rank order.
8. Rank order is determined by the result of the Voice Test.
9. The entrance scheme for choristers operates independently of the School's Year 7 Entrance Test. Candidates for Wakeham Choristerships, who are not awarded a place, are eligible to apply to sit the Year 7 Entrance Test in accordance with the School's published timetable.

Enclosed with these notes are:

- The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy Information Sheet
- The Application Form. Please note that under the Wakeham Choristership Scheme entry to the School is at the discretion of the Headmaster and the Governors
- The Form to be completed by the Headteacher of your son's present school. Please note that boys may only take the Tests if a recommendation is received from their Headteacher indicating that they consider the applicant will be able to meet the additional demands and commitments of being a chorister.