



Calderdale Choir Competition – Application Information For Schools

The Calderdale Choir competition is a celebration of singing across schools in the local area and we would like to invite a choir from your school to take part!

Performance Details

Date: Wednesday 30th April 2025

Venue: Halifax Minster

Costs: No cost to take part other than your own transport costs to get to Halifax Minster.

Times: Each choir takes part in the morning session or the afternoon session.

	Morning Session
9:00am – 9:30am	Arrival and registration
9:30am – 9:40am	Group Warm Up
9:40am – 10:30am	Morning Session begins
10:30am – 10:40am	Break (time may vary)
10:40am – 11:40am	Morning Session resumes
11:40am – 11:50am	Speeches and prizes
11:50am	Morning Session Expected finish time.
	Afternoon Session
1:00pm – 1:30pm	Arrival and registration
1:30pm – 1:40pm	Group Warm Up with Sean Ruane, adjudicator
1:40pm – 2:30pm	Afternoon session
2:30pm	Speeches and prizes
2:40pm	Expected finish time
We will keep you updated if we expect the finish times to change. <i>Due to a service taking place there will be no access to the Minster from 12:15pm – 1:00pm.</i>	

We welcome school choirs of any size although if you do have a choir of over 40 pupils please double check numbers with us.

Performance length is 5 minutes maximum for primary schools and 10 minutes for secondary schools, plus no more than 5 minutes for setting up on stage and leaving the stage.

A piano will be available to use and you can bring an accompanist, a backing track or sing a cappella. Calderdale Music will not be able to provide an accompanist.

A music stand will be available but no other equipment other than the piano will be provided.

You are welcome to bring more than one choir from school.

Dress code is school/choir uniform

Every choir will receive a participation certificate. For each session there will be additional certificates to give out – more information will be provided to schools who are taking part nearer to the competition date.

The winner will be announced after both sessions have taken place and schools will be contacted by email.

Additional Information

Everyone will get to watch the other choirs in their session perform. However, this is not a public event, so parents/carers won't be admitted to the Minster.

Please ensure that your pupils know that they are expected to sit and listen to the other choirs in the way that they will want to be listened to when it is their turn.

There will be a 10-minute break in the morning session to allow pupils to chat and eat a snack if they wish to bring one. Please do not bring snacks that contain nuts.

There is only one toilet in the Minster, please do feel free to take children when they need to go rather than waiting until the break. Ideally, please wait until a choir has finished singing before leaving your seat.

Please ensure you have a first aid trained member of staff with you.

We will contact schools nearer to the event date to ask for some further information including confirmation of choir numbers.

Schools are required to bring a list of their students and adults with them in case of a fire evacuation, and must also provide a copy at registration on the day of the event.

Media Consent

As part of the booking process, you will be asked to give photo and video consent on behalf of your school choir. There is the option to not give consent.

Please download and read our Media Consent Information for full details on how images and videos are taken and used, before proceeding with your application.

Next Steps

To take part in the event, please register your choir by booking through the event page. Please complete one booking per choir.

Calderdale Music will provide you with further details once you are signed up including risk assessment, programme, seating plan etc.

If you need a backing track for your performance, a digital copy of this will need sending to Calderdale Music before Wednesday 16th April 2025.