



Calderdale Choir Competition

Thank you for applying to take part in the Calderdale Choir Competition.

We are pleased to confirm that you have been allocated a place!

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.

IMPORTANT – Please check your emails for confirmation of which session your choir is in.

	<u>Morning Session</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u>
Arrival & Registration	9:00am – 9:30am	1:00pm – 1:30pm
Group Warm Up with Sean Ruane, adjudicator	9:30am – 9:40am	1:30am – 1:40pm
Session Starts	9:40am	1:40pm
Expected Finish Time	11:50am	2:40pm
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>		

Next Steps

You have been sent a link to a page on Calderdale Music's website. This page is just for choir leaders/school staff taking part in the competition. Please do not share this with anyone else.

From the web page, you can download:

- A copy of this document
- Risk assessment
- Media Consent Form to complete (if you are able to consent)
- Song Choice Tips from Sean Ruane

On the web page, you can upload:

- Confirmation of your song choice including length, composer etc
- Your backing track if you are using one
- Your completed media consent form (if you are able to give consent)
- Confirmation of choir numbers
- A copy of your sheet music or lyrics (if available)

Please upload all documentation required by Wednesday 16th April. This is 2 weeks before the event.

Your Performance

Song length is as follows:

Primary Schools: One song of 5 minutes maximum

Secondary Schools: One song of 10 minutes maximum

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.

If you are using a backing track, there will be opportunity to check the levels/volume before you start your performance.

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

Dress code is school/choir uniform

During The Event

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 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.

For the morning session there will be a 10-15 minute break to allow pupils to chat and eat a snack if they wish to bring one. **Please do not bring snacks that contain nuts or seeds as we have pupils with severe airborne allergies taking part.**

Safeguarding/Health and Safety

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

Schools are required to bring a list of their students and adults with them in case of a fire evacuation.

Calderdale Music staff are DBS checked.

Hot drinks will be available for school staff at the back of the church. If you would like a drink during the session, please bring a travel mug with you.

Prizes/Winners

Every choir will receive a participation certificate.

For each session there will be additional certificates to give out – one for “Most Engaging Choir” and one for “Most Entertaining Choir.”

Due to the popularity of the event, we will have schools performing over the whole day. Therefore, the winner will be announced after both sessions have taken place and schools will be contacted by email.