



Rotary Club Of Halifax School Choir Competition

Application Information

The Rotary Club Of Halifax School Choir Competition is a celebration of singing across schools in the Halifax area and we would like to invite a choir from your school to take part.

Performance Details

Date: Wednesday 29th April 2026

Venue: Holy Trinity & St Jude's Church, Free School Lane, Halifax

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

Times: These will be confirmed nearer the time. We expect the morning session to start around 9:30am, and the afternoon session to start at 1:00pm. A lot depends on the number of choirs taking part.

Choir And Performance Info

There will be one Primary School choir and one Secondary School choir chosen as winners.

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

We welcome school choirs of any size although if you do have a choir of over 30 pupils please double check numbers with us.

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.

Dress code is school/choir uniform

Scoring System

For 2026 we have introduced a new scoring system.

Choirs will be graded in to three classes: Commended, Highly Commended and Honours.

Commended

A competent performance although there may be moments of imprecision. Mostly fluent and accurate, though limited in expressive, tonal, and stylistic qualities.

Highly Commended

A convincing and confident performance demonstrating good technical security, with some evidence of tonal and stylistic qualities and a developing sense of communication and performance. Shows good phrasing, breath control, and mostly clear diction.

Honours

An impressive, stimulating, and persuasive performance, displaying stylistic flair and technical command. Pitches and rhythms are accurate, with expression and attention to detail. The group works seamlessly as a unit, with clear diction and well-balanced phrasing throughout. Assured and expressive, with a strong sense of communication and performance

In addition to the primary and secondary prize winners, there will be additional certificates “Most Entertaining” and “Most Engaging” choirs, which will be chosen by members of the Rotary Club.

Every choir will receive a participation certificate.

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 church.

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 breaks to allow pupils to move, eat a snack or use the toilet if they wish. Please do not bring snacks that contain nuts.

If a child needs to use the toilet, please wait until a choir has finished singing before leaving your seat if you can.

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, and must also confirm choir numbers during registration.

Next Steps

To take part in the event, please complete the application form online. Please complete one of each per choir. The deadline for applications is **Friday 27th February 2026**.

Calderdale Music will provide you with further details once you are signed up.

You will be asked to provide the following information by Wednesday 15th April 2026:

- Choir numbers (including staff)
- Song choice(s) and length
- Backing track as an MP3 (if using)
- Copy of sheet music/lyrics
- Your completed media consent form (if you are able to give consent)