

Oxford Youth Choirs: *Director of Boys' Voices*

Oxford Youth Choirs seeks to appoint a new Director of Boys' Voices to succeed David Palmer in September 2021. The teaching rate is currently £37/hour, with additional fees for public performances. DBS clearance is required for this position, as is compliance with the OYC Child Protection Policy and Code of Practice.

The choir is small and consists of boys aged 7 upwards. During 2021-22 we plan to expand it and to include older boys in a few projects with the senior girls.

We promote a relaxed yet professional atmosphere and perform varied repertoire, most recently including a suite of pieces composed by the previous director and selected choruses from *Dido and Aeneas*. There is a separate session for boys with changing voices.

The choir rehearses from 09:20-11:00 on Saturdays during school term at the Cherwell School in Summertown (OX2 7EE). The incoming director would be expected to lead from the piano, with support from a student helper (usually a member of our senior girls' choir).

The Director of Boys' Voices will:

- be an engaging and enthusiastic choral animateur
- direct confident and fast-paced rehearsals from the keyboard
- have experience of working with children
- have experience of training the boy's changing voice
- have knowledge of appropriate repertoire
- respond to communications and enquiries quickly and efficiently
- attend occasional staff meetings and liaise with parents and schools
- find an appropriate deputy (with DBS clearance) in the event of absence

This post may be held in conjunction with that of Oxford Girls' Choir accompanist (see separate notice).

To apply, please send a CV and brief expression of interest to Eve Madeley-Wyatt, admin@oxfordyouthchoirs.org.uk.