



News from the Royal School of Church Music

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SINGING COURSE RETURNS TO SEDBERGH

The Royal School of Church Music's annual North of England singing course for young people is to be held during the Easter holiday week from 10th – 13th April 2012. The course will be held in Sedbergh School in Cumbria, and is open to boys and girls aged 10 to 17 years. It will be directed for the last time by Gordon Appleton who is due to retire later this year.

The young people who take part each year are drawn from churches all over the north of England and beyond. They will have many opportunities to sing including daily services in Sedbergh School's large chapel and the town's parish church. The course provides a perfect combination of inspirational music-making along with plenty of free time and use of the school's extensive recreational facilities.

The course is being directed for the last time by Gordon Appleton, the RSCM's Regional Music Adviser in the North of England, who has directed young people's courses in the north of England since 1993. "Although the church music scene has broadened enormously since then, young people still love to sing, and they revel in the wide range of musical styles on this course."

In previous years, this popular Easter holiday course has been held elsewhere in the north of England, and is returning to Sedbergh School following a successful first visit last year. "The school has proved to be a wonderful setting so we decided to come back," says Gordon Appleton. "The accommodation is very comfortable, and there are excellent musical facilities."

For many young choristers, this course is an annual fixture; singers (sopranos, altos, tenors and basses) come from church and school choirs all over the north of England and beyond. Booking is open now at www.rscm.com/courses or email education@rscm.com.

A podcast following a similar young people's course in the summer months can be heard at www.rscm.com/media.

Ends 12th January 2012

Notes for Editors

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