



HEREFORD AND SOUTH SHROPSHIRE

Guidance notes for the Dean's and Bishop's Chorister Award Scheme 2008

For examination terms and conditions, please refer to the syllabus, available from the secretary or log on to: <http://www.rscm.com/assets/education/singingAwards/areas/hereford/syllabus.pdf> .

Examinations take place in May, July and September. See Entry form for exact dates and venues. Successful candidates will be presented with their award at the **Diocesan Choirs' Festival on Saturday 4th October 2008** in Hereford Cathedral.

Please note that candidates should bring with them two copies of all music (including words) to be used (illegal photocopies are not allowed).

Section A3: Prepared item

Candidates in 2008 may choose an alternative item to those in the RSCM Bronze or Silver Collection, selecting from the following list:

Dean's Award

1. Heaven shall not wait (John Bell, *arr* Peter Dyke), in the 2007 Diocesan Festival Book
2. Small wonder the star (Edwards, from the RSCM Carol Book), in the 2008 Diocesan Festival Book
3. A small drop of water (Raymond Warren), in the 2008 Diocesan Festival Book

Bishop's Award

1. When the Lord turned again (Batten), in the 2007 Diocesan Festival Book
2. There shall a star from Jacob (Mendelssohn), in the 2008 Diocesan Festival Book
3. Light of the world (Elgar), in the 2008 Diocesan Festival Book

Applications for September exams **must** be received by the Awards Secretary **no later than 31st July**. For May exams they must be received by 31st March and for July exams they must be received by 31st May. **Late entries cannot be accepted.**

Dean's and Bishop's ribbons and medallions are no longer available for purchase by individual choir leaders or candidates. For candidates who wish to have the appropriate ribbon (green or purple) and medallion an extra £12 must be added to the examination fee (in the event of failing the exam, the £12 will be refunded). Diocesan medallions are also available. Please contact the Awards Secretary for more information.

To apply please complete the entry form (please photocopy the form if you have more than one candidate) and send it to the Awards Secretary together with:

1. A testimonial for each candidate from the choir leader and countersigned by the parish priest, minister or churchwarden, which includes details of the candidate's attendance record for the past 12 months.
2. Details of the types of Sunday services and their general musical content sung by candidates during the course of an average month.
3. Examination fee of £23 (Bishop's Award) and £18 (Dean's Award) plus £12 for a ribbon and medallion if required. Cheques to be made payable to 'RSCM Hereford Area'.

Examinations cannot be confirmed until all the information and fees have been received.

Applications to the Awards Secretary,
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