



Malcolm Archer is Director of Chapel Music at Winchester College, where he trains and conducts the Quiristers and Chapel Choir and teaches organ and composition. He has a distinguished background in Cathedral music, which has taken him to posts at Norwich, Bristol and Wells Cathedrals. He was Director of Music at St. Paul's Cathedral in London before coming to Winchester in 2007.



Boys usually become Quiristers in Years 4, 5, or 6. Enquiries are welcome from Year 2 onwards. Informal singing auditions, for which no special preparation is needed, can be arranged with Mr Archer, who is happy to meet potential Quiristers and their parents at any time.



# WINCHESTER COLLEGE

## QUIRISTERS CHORISTERS OF A SPECIAL KIND





Winchester College Quiristers have for over 625 years sung the services in Winchester College Chapel. In modern times they have formed a choir renowned for its excellence.

The Quiristers perform a wide variety of music at home and abroad. They benefit from scholarships, a first rate all-round education, and a particularly broad musical training which builds confidence, teamwork and a commitment to the highest standards.



Until 1966 the Quiristers were educated in a small school of their own within Winchester College but since that time they have attended The Pilgrims' School, where they are given scholarships worth half the full boarding fee. The scholarships are funded by Winchester College. At Pilgrims' the Quiristers benefit from the best academic teaching and join in all the school sports and activities. The former Quirister School is now their boarding house; they are looked after by the Quirister Master, Andrew Shedden, his wife Sarah, and a resident Matron.



A Quirister's routine is more varied than that of most choristers. The pattern of worship in the Chapel involves regular choral services, in which the Choir performs a great range of church music; but because Choral Evensong is not sung every day, the Quiristers also find time to sing a wide secular repertoire. A Sunday morning service of Matins or Sung Eucharist, can be preceded by a Saturday evening recital that ranges from classical Lieder to popular music. In addition, the boys play an important role in the College Choral Society known as Glee Club.



The Quiristers broadcast, record and go on tour. In recent years they have sung in the USA, Canada, Germany, the Czech Republic and Hong Kong. They regularly sing in London, where performances have included the BBC Promenade concerts and the Handel Collection series. They frequently appear on BBC TV and radio. On three occasions since the millennium, Quiristers have won the title of BBC YOUNG CHORISTER OF THE YEAR, by any standards an outstanding record.

Quiristers are usually required to sing during term time only, which means they can spend Christmas and Easter with their families. For a boy with musical gifts, our musical training offers a unique opportunity. Every boy learns two musical instruments. Practice is timetabled and supervised. Many of the boys win scholarships (academic or musical) to a range of secondary schools.

Singing auditions for Quiristerships are held every year in November at The Pilgrims' School. Please contact the Headmaster's Secretary for further information about Quiristerships.

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Recordings by the Quiristers and Winchester College Chapel Choir are on sale at Cornflowers, Winchester College Gift Shop, (Tel: 01962 621234). See [www.winchestercollege.org](http://www.winchestercollege.org) for details of recitals and concerts involving Quiristers, at which all are welcome.

