



Gap Year Organ Scholarship

This post offers unique opportunities for a gap year student or graduate to gain experience as a chapel organist, playing a wide variety of repertoire at Masses and other liturgies within the Roman Catholic tradition. The successful applicant will be an excellent organist, keen to exploit the newly restored and extended chapel organ and wishing to maintain and develop the tradition of excellence in liturgical music at New Hall.

It is anticipated that this position will appeal to gap year students who will go on to continue their studies with organ scholarships at leading universities and conservatoires, although we also encourage applications from post graduates.

The Organ Scholar will be expected to attend all chapel services and rehearsals during term time and to be available for the major celebrations at Christmas and Easter. In addition to accompanying congregational singing, the scholar will be expected to accompany various choirs and to undertake voluntaries. It is expected that the scholar will take a full part in the musical life of the school and will seek opportunities to accompany, coach and direct as appropriate.

The post is offered for a period of one year. A scholarship of £4000 is offered together with free accommodation and meals within the school. The scholar will also have the opportunity to have conducting lessons. It is expected that the holder of the post will play a full role in the daily life of this busy boarding school.

The Organ

The New Hall organ was built by Norman and Beard in 1910 and is a fine example of their work in the English romantic tradition. Following a gift of another contemporary Norman and Beard instrument, Bishop and Sons are undertaking an extensive restoration and development to provide a new nave division and 3 manual console. The inaugural recital on the new instrument will take place on Saturday 14 June and will be given by Dame Gillian Weir.