



Dear Parent/Carer,

The National Youth Choir of Great Britain is holding auditions in Plymouth in November 2018. They have wonderful choirs with fantastic opportunities for students with a talent for singing to progress to the next level.

To help potential applicants to prepare, the Legacy Choir (Plymouth Music Education Hub's vocal ensemble) is holding workshops from 4pm-5pm on Mondays 2nd, 9th, 16 July at Montpelier Primary School.

In the workshops we'll go through the audition pieces and help with sight singing tests etc. There is no obligation to take an audition following these workshops- entries do not open until 27 September, but it allows singers to see if they might be suitable. There is nothing to lose by having a go!

The workshops will be run by Jessica Rowe (Miss JR) and Clare Lash-Williams, singing teacher. Clare is an ex NYCGB member and knows that the audition panel is looking for potential rather than the finished product, so anyone is welcome to give it a try.

Please read the attached info about the audition process. Financial help is available for the auditions and to take part in residential opportunities should your child be successful. July workshops are free. If you are interested in your child taking part in these workshops, please let me know so I can be ready to welcome them.

Let's show the NYCGB what great singing talent we have in Plymouth!

More details about the choir can be found at

<https://www.nycgb.org.uk/Pages/Category/our-choirs>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/nycgbvideo>

For further information or to express an interest, please contact Jessica Rowe, Singing Strategy lead for Plymouth Music Education Hub; jessrowe@mpsplymouth.net

NYCGB auditions are coming to Plymouth!



If you're passionate about singing in choirs and vocal ensembles and want to make music with the best young singers of your age from around the UK, then an audition for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB) could be the start of something amazing.

In 2018, NYCGB is holding auditions in Plymouth on Saturday 17 November and would love to hear as many talented young singers as possible.

The audition day at Plymouth University on 17 November will be for anyone interested in joining the following NYCGB choirs:

- National Youth Boys' Choir – for singers in school years 5-10
- National Youth Girls' Choir – for singers in school years 6-10
- National Youth Training Choir – for singers in school years 9-13

Online booking for auditions will open on Thursday 27 September 2018 here:
www.nycgb.org.uk/audition

*Separate auditions for singers age 18-22 for National Youth Choir take place nationally on 15 & 16 September – for full details see www.nycgb.org.uk/audition.

To book an audition, there is a fee of £35. NYCGB believes strongly that no young singer should be held back by costs and so **we offer generous Financial Assistance to support families with this fee, the cost of travel to an audition, and with all subsequent costs of membership of NYCGB.**

On the next page you'll find answers to frequently asked questions about NYCGB. If you can't find the answer you're looking for here or on our website, you can contact NYCGB on nycgb@nycgb.org.uk or on 0191 383 7355 Monday to Friday, 9am-4pm.

We are looking forward to meeting you in Plymouth!

Team NYCGB

National Youth Choirs of Great Britain: What you need to know



What is NYCGB and who can join?

National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB) runs four choirs for the UK's best young singers, from school year 5 to age 22. The choirs meet twice a year, in the spring and summer school holidays, for training courses and amazing concerts.

Find out more: www.nycgb.org.uk > About us > Our choirs

What happens on NYCGB courses?

On an NYCGB course you stay away from home with the choir and then at the end of the course you all perform together in a spectacular concert for your family and friends. The length of the course is different depending on which choir you are in:

National Youth Boys' Choir & National Youth Girls' Choir – 4-day course plus concert day
National Youth Training Choir – 7-day course plus concert day

Each day is full of rehearsals, training, time for rest and food – and some of the best friends you'll ever meet. Every course ends with a concert, but you may also do pop-up gigs, broadcasts, recordings and even music videos!

Find out more: www.nycgb.org.uk > What we do > Courses

How much does it cost to take part and what support is available?

NYCGB believes passionately that no-one should be prevented from taking part due to cost, and our Financial Assistance Scheme supports 1 in 5 young singers each year with costs of membership, travel to courses and concerts for them and their families as well as free concert tickets.

- Audition fee: £35
- Membership fee: (one-off, following successful audition) £85
- 2018 Course fees: National Youth Boys' / Girls' Choir £550, National Youth Training Choir £785

Thanks to our funders we are able to support 30-40% of the actual cost of all course places.

If your family has an income of less than £60,000 a year, you can apply for support towards all costs of taking part.

Find out more: www.nycgb.org.uk > Financial Assistance

What standard do I need to be and how can I prepare for an audition?

You don't need to have passed any singing exams to audition for NYCGB, or to have a singing teacher or to be taking music at school. Staff at auditions are looking for a great voice, clear passion and commitment to your singing, and a willingness to learn and respond. What you will be asked to do in the audition varies depending on your age, so take a look at the Auditions pages of our website:

Find out more: www.nycgb.org.uk > Audition > Auditions FAQ

NYCGB wants everybody to feel as confident as possible at their audition, and on our website you can find help to get you ready for the day, including a video guide and sample sight-reading exercises:

Find out more: www.nycgb.org.uk > Audition > How to prepare