



**THE
CHORISTER
SCHOOL**

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

**LENT TERM
2019**

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Term Dates

Lent Term 2019

Choristers/Probationers/Boarders return	Sunday 6 January
Term begins	Monday 7 January
Half-term begins for all	Friday 15 February
Boy Choristers return	Saturday 23 February
Probationers, Girl Choristers and Boarders return	Sunday 24 February
Term resumes	Monday 25 February
Term ends for all	Friday 29 March
Choristers return for Holy Week Chorister Period	Friday 12 April
Chorister Period ends	Sunday 21 April

Summer Term 2019

Staff Inset Day	Friday 26 April
Choristers/Probationers/Boarders return	Sunday 28 April
Term begins	Monday 29 April
Bank Holiday — no school	Monday 6th May
Half-term begins for Day pupils/Boy Choristers/ Probationers/Boarders	Friday 24 May
Half-term begins for Girl Choristers	Sunday 26 May
Choristers, Probationers and Boarders return	Sunday 2 June
Term resumes	Monday 3 June
Term ends for Day Pupils/Probationers/Boarders	Friday 12 July
Term ends after Evensong for Choristers	Sunday 21 July

Michaelmas Term 2019

Staff Inset Days	Monday 2 September
	Tuesday 3 September
Choristers/Probationers/Boarders return	Tuesday 3 September
Term begins	Wednesday 4 September
Half-term begins	Friday 18 October
Boy Choristers return	Saturday 2 November
Girl Choristers return	Sunday 3 November
Probationers/Boarders return	Sunday 3 November
Term resumes	Monday 4 November
School closed for Day Pupils due to Lumiere	Friday 15 November
Term ends for Day Pupils/Probationers/Boarders	Wednesday 18 December
Term ends for Choristers	Wednesday 25 December

The Chorister School

Lent Term 2019

JANUARY

Sunday 6 January

1800-2000 Boarding Choristers/Probationers/Boarders return

Week 1A

Monday 7 January

TERM BEGINS

Prep Assembly Theme: "Turn over a new leaf"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "New Year Choices"

Day Choristers and Day Probationers return in time for morning rehearsals

0930

School Assembly in the Cathedral

1610

Girl Choristers Theory/ Boy Choristers choir practice

1715

Evensong (B)

Tuesday 8 January

1615

Staff meeting

1715

Evensong (G)

Wednesday 9 January

1715

Evensong (B)

Thursday 10 January

1430

U13 Football v NSB (Palmers), *depart 1400*

1515

U12 and U13 Netball v Hermitage, *depart 1415, pick up 1715*

1600

U10 and U11 Netball v Polam Hall (home) *pick up 1715*

Friday 11 January

1400

U9 and U10 Netball v Red House (home)

1715

Evensong (B)

Saturday 12 January

1010

Boarders' Activity

1715

Evensong (G)

Sunday 13 January

1000

Matins (B)

1115 Sung Eucharist (B)
1530 Evensong (G)

Week 2B

Monday 14 January

Prep Assembly Theme: "Epiphany – A journey from the East"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "How does your garden grow?"

1415 U12 and U13 Netball v Red House (TS20 1DX), *depart 1315, pick up 1630*
1610 Girl Choristers choir practice / Boy Choristers Theory
1715 Girl Choristers Theory

Tuesday 15 January

1615 Staff meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 16 January

1430 Middle School Open Afternoon for Silver & Gold Class parents
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 17 January

1430 U11 Football v Polam Hall (DL1 5PA), *depart 1330*
1515 U12 and U13 Netball v Durham School (Budworth, DH1 4SZ) *pick up 1700*
1520 U13 Football v Durham School (home)
1730-1830 Parents of 4th to 6th Form invited to an e-safety presentation

Friday 18 January

0925-1035 4th to 6th Form pupils attend e-safety presentation
1400 U10 and U11 Hockey v Red House (home)
1715 Evensong (G)

Saturday 19 January

1010 *Boarders' Activity*
1715 Evensong (G)

Sunday 20 January

1000 Matins (G)

- 1115 Sung Eucharist (G)
1530 Evensong is replaced with the Epiphany Procession (B)
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Week 3A

Monday 21 January

Prep Assembly Theme: "Have you seen the light?"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "I'm the Leader"

- 1430 Intermediate and Senior House Path Races
1610 Girl Choristers Theory/ Boy Choristers choir practice
1715 Boy Choristers Theory

Tuesday 22 January

1430 U9 Football v Bow (Palmers), *depart 1400*

1610-1800 Staff meeting: PSHCE training

1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 23 January

1430 U11A & B Football v Bow (Palmers), *depart 1400*

1630 Askrigg briefing meeting for 6th Form parents and pupils

1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 24 January

1415 U12 and U13 Netball v Barnard Castle (home)

1630 U12 and U14 Netball v Durham High (DH1 3TB), *pick up 1800*

Friday 25 January

1330 Lunchtime Recital

1400-1555 1st, 2nd, 3rd Form & Senior Ensemble participate in
instrumental taster afternoon

1555 Girl Choristers, Girl Probationers & Boarders' Exeat Weekend;
Boy Choristers and Boy Probationers resident

1715 Evensong (B)

Saturday 26 January

1010 *Boarders' Activity*

1715 Evensong is sung by Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers

Sunday 27 January

1000	Matins (B)
1115	Sung Eucharist (B)
1530	Evensong (B)
1800-2000	Girl Choristers, Girl Probationers and Boarders return

Week 4B

Monday 28 January

Prep Assembly Theme: "Mine eyes have seen thy salvation"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Being grateful"

Mock Common Entrance French Oral Exams

1445	U13 Cross Country (Billingham Beck), <i>depart 1345, pick up 1730</i>
1610	Girl Choristers choir practice / Boy Choristers Theory
1715	Evensong (G)

Tuesday 29 January

1615-1830	1st Form Parents' Evening
1715	Evensong (G)

Wednesday 30 January

1000-1240	Durham County Cricket all stars for Purple—1st Form
1615-1830	2nd Form Parents' Evening
1715	Evensong (B)

Thursday 31 January

1400	U11's, U12's and U13's Swimming Gala at Ampleforth, YO62 4ER, <i>depart 1215, pick up 1730</i>
1615-1745	4th Form Parents' Evening

FEBRUARY

Friday 1 February

All day	NSPCC Number Day—whole school
1430	Junior House Path Races
1715	Evensong (G)

Saturday 2 February

Candlemas

1010	<i>Boarders' Activity</i>
1715	Evensong is replaced by Sung Eucharist for Candlemas (B)

Sunday 3 February

1000	Matins (G)
1115	Sung Eucharist (G)
1530	Evensong (B)

Week 5A

Monday 4 February

Prep Assembly Theme: "Our shared values"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Who are you?"

1430	U13 Football v Red House (TS20 1DX), <i>depart 1330</i>
1610	Girl Choristers Theory/ Boy Choristers choir practice
1715	Boy Choristers Theory

Tuesday 5 February

0900-1100	Pre-School visit to Poplar Tree Garden Centre
1330	U10 NSB Football Tournament (Complete Football, NE3 5EJ) <i>depart 1230</i>
1330	U9 Cluster Schools 7 a side Tournament (Soccarena, DH1 1GG)
1615-1830	2nd Form Parents' Evening
1715	Evensong (G)

Wednesday 6 February

1400	U11 Netball v Bow (Budworth, DH1 4SZ), <i>depart 1315</i>
1615-1830	1st Form Parents' Evening
1715	Evensong (B)

Thursday 7 February

0930-1230	Purple Class visit to Oriental Museum
1330	U9 NSB Football Tournament (Complete Football, NE3 5EJ), <i>depart 1230</i>
1400	U12 Durham City Netball Tournament (Louisa Centre, Stanley, DH9 0TE), <i>depart 1300, pick up 1730</i>
1900	Music Recital in Prior's Hall

Friday 8 February

1330	U11 Rugby 7's Tournament (Durham School, DH1 4SZ), <i>depart 1300</i>
1715	Evensong (B)

Saturday 9 February

1010	<i>Boarders' Activity</i>
1715	Evensong is sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars
1900	4th, 5th and 6th Form Choristers and Galilee Choir sing in the North East Festival of Youth Choirs

Sunday 10 February

1000	Matins (B)
1115	Sung Eucharist (B)
1530	Evensong (G)

Week 6B

Monday 11 February

Prep Assembly Theme: "Love is all you need"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "All you need is love"
Mock Common Entrance Examination Week, in Library

1400	U11A & B Football v NSB (home)
1400	U11 Hockey v Bow (astro pitch, DH1 4SZ), <i>depart 1320</i>
1610	Girl and Boy Choristers & Probationers choir practice
1715	Girl Choristers Theory
1715	Evensong (B)

Tuesday 12 February

1615-1745	5th Form Parents' Evening
1715	Evensong (G)

Wednesday 13 February

All day	U11 Rossall Invitational Hockey Tournament, (FY7 8JW) <i>depart 0800, pick up 2000</i>
1715	Evensong (B)
1900-2100	Pre-Valentine Gin Masterclass for parents

Thursday 14 February

0755	Girl and Boy Choristers and Probationers rehearse
1330	U8 NSB Football Tournament (Complete Football, NE3 5EJ) <i>depart 1230</i>
1400	U13 Durham City Netball Tournament (Louisa Centre, Stanley, DH9 0TE), <i>depart 1300, pick up 1730</i>

- 1520 Boys Hockey v Durham School (DH1 4SZ)
1610 Girl and Boy Choristers and Probationers rehearse

Friday 15 February

- 1330 Lunchtime Recital
1400 6th Form Outward Bound Weekend, (Askrigg)
HALF TERM BEGINS FOR ALL
Pre-Prep, 3.15 p.m.
Pre-School, 3.30 p.m.
Prep School, 3.55 p.m.

Saturday 16 February

Sunday 17 February

- 1600 6th Form return from Outward Bound Weekend

Monday 18 – Friday 22 February – half term holiday

Saturday 23 February

- 1530 Boy Choristers return
1700 Boy Choristers choir practice
1715 Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars sing Evensong

Sunday 24 February

- Boy Choristers sing all three services
1800-2000 Girls Choristers and all boarding Probationers return

Week 7A

Monday 25 February

TERM RESUMES

Prep Assembly Theme: "Working together"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Fair play"

- 1610 Girl Choristers Theory/ Boy Choristers choir practice
1715 Boy Choristers Theory

Tuesday 26 February

- All day Gold Class trip to Life Science Centre
0900-1245 Chorister Outreach Visit (Decani)
1430 U9 Cluster Netball Festival (Durham High, DH1 3TB),
pick up 1700
1530-1730 Pre-School, Purple and Silver Class Parents' Evening

1615 Staff meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 27 February

1530-1730 Purple and Gold Class Parents' Evening
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 28 February

0900-1245 Chorister Outreach Visit (Cantoris)
1300 U13 Rugby 7s Tournament v NSB (Northern Rugby Club,
NE23 2DT), *depart 1200*
1330 U10 and U12 Durham School Netball Tournament (DH1 4SZ)

MARCH

Friday 1 March

0900 Middle School Drama dress and technical rehearsal
1330 Scales Shootout
1330 U9, U10 & U11 Cluster Cross Country Competition, Teesside
High, TS16 9AT, *depart 1230, pick up 1700*
1715 Evensong (B)

Saturday 2 March

1010 *Boarders' Activity*
1230-1800 Boy and Girl Choristers and Probationers participate in the
Chorister Experience Afternoon

Sunday 3 March

1000 Matins (B)
1115 Sung Eucharist (B)
1530 Evensong (G)

Week 8B

Monday 4 March

Prep Assembly Theme: "Our Lenten Journey"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "An open book"
0900-0930 NSPCC Assembly, 1st—4th Form
0930-0950 NSPCC Assembly for Silver and Gold

- 1415 Middle School Play for Pre-Prep
- 1610 Girl Choristers choir practice / Boy Choristers Theory
- 1715 Girl Choristers Theory

Tuesday 5 March

- 1130 Middle School Play for Prep School
- 1515 U11 Football v Red House (Palmers), *depart 1450*
- 1615 Staff meeting
- 1715 Evensong (G)
- 1830 Middle School Play for Parents

Wednesday 6 March

Ash Wednesday

- 0930 Prep School attend service in the Cathedral
- 1700 ABRSM Theory Exams
- 1715 Evensong is sung by Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers
- 1830 Middle School Play for Parents
- 1830 Girl and Boy Choristers choir practice (Probs. not required)
- 1930 Sung Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (Boys, Girls and Adults; Day Probationers not required)

Thursday 7 March

No morning rehearsals for Choristers

- All day World Book Day
- 1230 U13 Rugby 7s Tournament at Durham School (DH1 4SZ)
depart 1200
- 1330 U9A & B Football v NSB (Complete Football, NE3 5EJ),
depart 1330
- 1330 U13 Durham School Hockey Tournament (DH1 4SZ)
- 1415 U12 Netball Tournament, Barnard Castle (DL12 8UN)
depart 1300, pick up 1800
- 1800-2000 Senior Schools' Forum for all parents in the Sports Hall

Friday 8 March

- 1715 Evensong (G)

Saturday 9 March

- 1000-1200 Open Morning

1715 Evensong (B)

Sunday 10 March

1000 Matins (G)
1115 Sung Eucharist (G)
1530 Evensong (B)

Week 9A

Monday 11 March

Prep Assembly Theme: "Lent—Feed the World"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Glorious England"

1400 U11A Football v Teesside High (TS16 9AT) *depart 1300*
1400 U13 Football v Teesside High (TS16 9AT) *depart 1300*
1430 U13 Boys Hockey v Red House (TS20 1DX) *depart 1330*
1610 Girl Choristers Theory/ Boy Choristers choir practice
1715 Evensong (B)

Tuesday 12 March

1400 U9A & B Football v Yarm (TS15 9ES), *depart 1315*
1615-1745 3rd Form Parents' Evening
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 13 March

Boy and Girl Choristers and Probationers (Decani)
participate in Music Outreach Celebration:

1030-1200 Rehearsal
1320 Media Call
1340 Concert
1330 U11A & B Hockey Tournament (Maiden Castle, DH1 3SE)
depart 1245, return 1615
1445 Family Assembly for Pre-School—Gold Class parents
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 14 March

1230 U9 Football Tournament at Yarm School (TS15 9ES),
depart 1130
1515 U12 Hockey v Durham School (DH1 4SZ), *return 1700*
1900 Public Speaking Competition in Prior's Hall

Friday 15 March

- 1330 Aural Skills Workshop, Assembly Hall
1330 U11 Cluster Schools Netball Tournament, Polam Hall
(DL1 5PA) *depart 1245, pick up 1700*
1555 Boy Choristers, Boy Probationers & Boarders' Exeat
Weekend; Girl Choristers and Girl Probationers resident
1715 Evensong (G)

Saturday 16 March

- 1010 *Boarders' Activity*
1715 Evensong is sung by Durham Cathedral Junior Consort

Sunday 17 March

- 1000 Matins (G)
1115 Sung Eucharist (G)
1530 Evensong is replaced with Stations of the Cross (G)
1800-2000 Boy Choristers, Boarding Probationers and Boarders return
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Week 10B

Monday 18 March

Prep Assembly Theme: "St Cuthbert and the Northern Saints"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "The beauty of nature"

- 1000-1100 NSPCC Workshop, 3rd Form
1130-1230 NSPCC Workshop, 4th Form
1600 U11 Basketball v Bow (home)
1610 Girl Choristers choir practice / Boy Choristers Theory
1715 Girl Choristers Theory

Tuesday 19 March

- 0900-1100 Purple Class Open Morning
1600 U9 Basketball v Bow (DH1 3LS), *depart 1530*
1615 Staff meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 20 March

St Cuthbert

- 1330 U11 Bow Football Tournament (Palmers), *depart 1300*
1815 Boy Choristers choir practice (Day Probationers not required)

1900 Boy Choristers sing Evensong and Procession for
St Cuthbert's Day (Day Probationers not required)

Thursday 21 March

All day Field Day - 1st—6th Form

Friday 22 March

1315-1400 Musical Celebration with The Chorister School in the Cathedral

1400-1515 Ladies Afternoon tea for Silver and Gold Class parents, in
the Library; then to the classrooms 1430-1515

1715 Evensong (G)

Saturday 23 March

St Cuthbert's Saturday

1010 *Boarders' Activity*

1600 Boy Choristers choir practice

1715 Boy Choristers sing Sung Eucharist and Procession
with Newcastle Cathedral Choir

Sunday 24 March

1000 Matins (G)

1115 Sung Eucharist (G)

1530 Evensong (B)

Week 11A

Monday 25 March

Prep Assembly Theme: "Lent—Temptation"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Dreaming big"

Proposed week for ABRSM exams

1400 House Football Tournament (Palmers)

1610 Girl and Boy Probationers choir practice

1715 Boy Choristers Theory

1715 Evensong (G)

Tuesday 26 March

All Day Field Day—Pre-School and Pre-Prep

1615 Staff Meeting

1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 27 March

All day Silver Class visit Beamish Museum
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 28 March

1200 U13 Rugby 7s depart for Rosslyn Park
1400 Reserve day for House Football Tournament (Palmer's)
1600 U9 Netball v Bow (home) *pick up 1730*
1900 Music Recital in Prior's Hall

Friday 29 March

1000 End of Term Service in Cathedral
1400 Final Assembly in Sports Hall
1715 Evensong (B)

TERM ENDS FOR:

1530 Pre-School
1515 Pre-Prep
1555 Day Pupils/Probationers/Boarders
1710 Girl Choristers
1815 Boy Choristers

No after school activities or late Prep

Saturday 30 March

1500 U13 Rugby 7s return from Rosslyn Park, time tbc

APRIL

CHORISTER PERIOD

Friday 12 April

1800-2000 All Choristers return (not Probationers)

Saturday 13 April

Evening Prayer is said

Sunday 14 April

Palm Sunday

No Matins; the Sung Eucharist begins with a procession from
Palace Green

1900 Concert—St John Passion

Monday 15 April

1715 Evensong is sung by the Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars

Tuesday 16 April

1715 Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars sing Evensong

Wednesday 17 April

1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 18 April

Maundy Thursday

1100 Girl Choristers sing Sung Eucharist and Blessing of the Oils

1930 Boy Choristers sing Sung Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

Friday 19 April

Good Friday

1200 Boy Choristers, Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars sing the Liturgy

1400 Girl Choristers, Lay Clerks and Choral Scholars sing a

Commemoration of the passion of Jesus Christ

1515 Evening Prayer is said

Saturday 20 April

See Chorister Schedule for full details

Sunday 21 April

Easter Day

See Chorister Schedule for full details

CHORISTER PERIOD ENDS

The School Day

This is the usual routine; refer to the term card for variations.

WEEK A&B Timings:

Weekdays

0700	Supervised instrumental practice by rota*
0745	Day Choristers arrive <i>except Wednesdays for girls and Thursdays for boys</i>
0755	Lead on (Choristers and Probationers), <i>except Wednesdays for girls and Thursdays for boys</i>
0800-0855	Rehearsals in Song School and Prior's Hall (Choristers and Probationers)
0800	School opens for Day Pupils and Day Choristers on Thursdays
0830	Morning Pre-School begins School starts for Prep
0855	School starts for Pre-Prep
0900	Assembly
0925	Lessons/Games
1130	Morning Pre-School ends
1230	Afternoon Pre-School begins
1515	End of School for Pre-Prep
1530	End of School for Pre-School
1555	End of School for Prep
1600	Activities/Prep
1800	School closes for Day Pupils

Monday afternoons (for Choristers and Probationers)

1605	Lead on (boys A, girls B)
1610-1710	Rehearsal in Song School (boys A, girls B)
1610-1710	Music Theory lessons (girls A, boys B)
1710-1810	Music Theory lessons and supervised instrumental practice by rota (boys B, girls A)
1715	Day Choristers collected (girls A, boys B)
1815	Day Choristers collected (boys A, girls B)

Tuesday afternoons (for Choristers and Probationers)

- 1605 Day Boy Choristers collected (or can remain for Day pupils' activities/Prep/supervised instrumental practice)
- 1605 Supervised instrumental practice by rota (boys)*
- 1605 Lead on (girls)
- 1615-1705 Rehearsal in Song School / Stalls (girls)
- 1715 Evensong (girls)
- 1815 Day Girl Choristers collected

Wednesday afternoons (for Choristers and Probationers)

- 1605 Day Girl Choristers collected (or can remain for Day pupils' activities/Prep/supervised instrumental practice)
- 1605 Supervised instrumental practice by rota (girls)*
- 1605 Lead on (boys)
- 1615-1705 Rehearsal in Song School / Stalls (boys)
- 1715 Evensong (boys)
- 1815 Day Boy Choristers collected

Thursday afternoons (Choristers and Probationers)

- 1605 Day Boy and Girl Choristers collected
(or remain for Day pupils' activities/Prep)
- 1605 Girl and Boy Choristers Free time/Leave out

Friday afternoons (Choristers and Probationers)

- 1605 Lead on (boys and girls)
- 1610-1710 Rehearsal in School (girls A, boys B)
- 1615-1705 Rehearsal in Song School / Stalls (boys A, girls B)
- 1710 Day Choristers collected (girls A, boys B)
- 1710-1810 Supervised instrumental practice by rota (girls A, boys B)*
- 1715 Evensong (boys A, girls B)
- 1815 Day Choristers collected (boys A, girls B)

Saturdays (Choristers)

- 0815 Day Choristers arrive
- 0835 Lead on (boys and girls)
- 0840-1015 Rehearsals in Song School and Prior's Hall (boys and girls)
- 1030 Day Choristers collected (unless registered for Saturday activities)

- 1545 Day Choristers arrive (girls A, boys B)
- 1605 Lead on (girls A, boys B)
- 1615-1705 Rehearsal in Song School / Stalls (girls A, boys B)
- 1715 Evensong (girls A, boys B)
- 1815 Day Choristers collected (girls A, boys B)

Sundays (Choristers)

- 0820 Day Choristers arrive (boys A, girls B)
- 0840 Lead on (boys A, girls B)
- 0850-0950 Rehearsal in Song School / Stalls (boys A, girls B)
- 1000 Matins (boys A, girls B)
- 1115 Sung Eucharist (boys A, girls B)
- 1245 Day Choristers collected (boys A, girls B)

- 1400 Day Choristers arrive (girls A, boys B)
- 1425 Lead on (girls A, boys B)
- 1435-1520 Rehearsal in Song School (girls A, boys B)
- 1530 Evensong (girls A, boys B)
- 1630 Day Choristers collected (girls A, boys B)

* Supervised instrumental practice by rota is for Boarders; Day Choristers remain for supervised instrumental practice on Monday , Tuesday or Wednesday by rota.

Who can I turn to if I am unhappy about something?

- A friend
- An older pupil
- Your Form Teacher
- Any member of Staff
- A Housemother