



DEAN CLOSE FOUNDATION

Post:	Organ Scholar
Line Manager:	Director of Choral Music & Organist.
Hours of Work:	45 hours per week, 33 weeks per year (term time)
Salary:	Shared accommodation included meals in term time, and a salary between £10,179 to £10,595 per annum (dependant on age) are provided with this appointment. Organ lessons are also offered.
Start date:	01/09/2022 (FTC one year)
End date:	31/08/2023
Location	Dean Close Foundation (Cheltenham) and Tewkesbury Abbey

We are looking for a candidate who is willing to immerse themselves in the musical life of the Dean Close schools and Tewkesbury Abbey. This is a one-year post, ideally suited to a gap year or post-graduate student. The position may be extended for a second year. Principal duties of the post include:

Dean Close School

- To play for services in the school Chapel as required
- To act as repetiteur for Choral Society, Chamber Choir and Chapel Choir rehearsals
- To play for rehearsals of Musicals (biennial) in the Senior School
- To act as an additional accompanist
- To assist with aural classes if required
- To assist with stewarding and accompanying music scholarship auditions, school concerts and ABRSM examinations
- To accompany the school's choirs on Cathedral visits or tours as required
- To be librarian of the Chapel Choir
- To assist with administration within the Music Department

Dean Close Prep School

- To play for DCPS Chapel services and assemblies as required
- To take weekly music theory / aural classes covering Grades 1-5 with Choristers and other music scholars
- To act as an additional accompanist, assisting in particular with the preparation and accompanying of ABRSM examinations

Dean Close Pre-preparatory School

- To play the piano for assemblies as required

Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum

- To assist with the training of the Choristers and probationers by taking rehearsals as required
- To conduct the Schola Cantorum in services in the Abbey in the absence of the Director and the Abbey Organist
- To assist the Abbey Organist with accompanying the Schola Cantorum as required
- To accompany the Schola Cantorum on tours abroad, assisting the Director and Organist as required

- To work with the Choral Scholar in supervising the Choristers and Probationers outside rehearsals and services, including the chorister bus.

Tewkesbury Abbey

- To have the opportunity to give a recital at Tewkesbury Abbey during the year
- To be involved in the musical life of the Abbey by playing for some Sunday services during term time

All staff are expected to

- Work towards and support the Dean Close Foundation vision and ethos.
- Support and contribute to the Foundation's responsibility for safeguarding pupils.
- Work within the Foundation's health and safety policy to ensure a safe working environment for staff, students and visitors.
- Promote equality of opportunity for all students and staff, both current and prospective.
- Undertake any other reasonable duties required that are related to the job purpose from time to time.

The post holder may be required to perform duties other than those given in the job description for the post from time to time. The particular duties and responsibilities attached to posts may vary from time to time without changing the general character of the duties or the level of responsibility entailed.

How to Apply

If you would like an informal conversation about the post or have any queries relating to the job description, please email Simon Bell, Director of Choral Music & Organist
sabell@deanclose.org.uk

Please click 'Quick Apply' and complete the application and forward any queries to
recruitment@deanclose.org.uk

Closing date: 12noon, 30 November 2021.
Interview and auditions w/c 6 December 2021.

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Dean Close School is a co-educational school with approximately 490 pupils, aged 13 – 18. There is also a Pre-Preparatory School and Preparatory School on site. Dean Close has an outstanding Music School completed in 1997 and this building, along with the impressive Bacon Theatre, forms a unique Arts complex.

Music is central to the life of Dean Close and many former pupils have gone on to read music at Oxford, Cambridge and various Music Conservatoires, with a high number achieving Choral and Organ Scholarships.

The Music Department consists of four full-time musicians, and in addition the Carducci Quartet act as Head of Strings. In addition, there are 24 peripatetic musicians teaching approximately 250 music lessons each week. The Department offers the full range of

The Dean Close Foundation is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

musical activities including Orchestra, Sinfonia, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Chapel Choir, Choral Society, Chamber Choir and a variety of other ensembles.

Chapel is a central feature of Dean Close. A new three manual mechanical action organ was installed in the Chapel in 2014, which was built by Nicholson of Malvern. The Choral tradition is very strong and the chapel choir sings Evensong annually at St. Paul's Cathedral and Tewkesbury Abbey under their director, Simon Bell. The Chapel Choir makes recordings and tours abroad. In recent years, the choir has visited Barcelona, Paris, Venice and Tuscany, Germany and, most recently, New York.

Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum

Dean Close Preparatory School became the choir school for Tewkesbury Abbey on the closure of The Abbey School in 2006. All of the choristers of the Schola Cantorum are educated there and the school is a full member of the Choir Schools' Association. Since September 2021, chorister places have been open to both girls and boys.

Tewkesbury Abbey Schola Cantorum enjoys an active touring programme; recent tours have included visits to The Netherlands, France, and most recently, Sweden. Back in Great Britain the choir has appeared with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales at St David's Hall, Cardiff and with the Cheltenham Bach Choir. The choir's most recent London appearance was at the annual Festival of the Sons of the Clergy at St Paul's Cathedral. Schola Cantorum regularly broadcasts on Radio 3 and records for Regent Records. Our most recent CD recording of anthems by Sir Edward Bairstow was nominated as *Editor's Choice* in Gramophone magazine in July 2020. Amongst the choir's alumni are two previous winners of BBC Radio 2 Young Chorister of the Year.

Staff

Both the Senior School and Preparatory School have a full time Director of Music. Simon Bell is Director of the Schola Cantorum and Director of Choral Music at Dean Close and Carleton Etherington is Organist of Tewkesbury Abbey and an organist at Dean Close. For further information please visit:

www.deanclose.org.uk

www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk

www.scholacantorum.org.uk