



THE
CHORISTER
SCHOOL

DURHAM CATHEDRAL

SUMMER TERM
2019

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Term Dates

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/All Probationers/All Boarders return	Sunday 3 November
Term resumes	Monday 4 November
School closed for Day Pupils due to Lumiere	Friday 15 November
Staff Inset Morning	Friday 15 November
Term ends for Day Pupils/Probationers/Boarders	Wednesday 18 December
Term ends for Choristers	Wednesday 25 December

Lent Term 2020

Choristers/Probationers/Boarders return	Sunday 5 January
Term begins	Monday 6 January
Half-term begins	Friday 14 February
Girl Choristers return	Saturday 22 February
Boy Choristers/All Probationers/All Boarders return	Sunday 23 February
Term resumes	Monday 24 February
Term ends	Friday 20 March
Choristers return for Holy Week Chorister Period	Saturday 4 April
Chorister Period ends	Sunday 12 April

Summer Term 2020

Staff Inset Day	Friday 17 April
Choristers/Probationers/Boarders return	Sunday 19 April
Term begins	Monday 20 April
Bank Holiday – no school	Monday 4 May
Half-term begins	Friday 22 May
Choristers return	Saturday 30 May
Probationers/Boarders return	Sunday 31 May
Term resumes	Monday 1 June
Term ends for Day Pupils/Probationers/Boarders	Friday 10 July
Term ends for Choristers	Sunday 12 July

The Chorister School

Summer Term 2019

APRIL

Friday 26 April

All day Staff Inset Day

Saturday 27 April

Sunday 28 April

Choristers / boarding Probationers and Boarders return by 1600

Week 1B

Monday 29 April

TERM BEGINS

Prep Assembly Theme: "He is risen indeed, Alleluia!"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Our responsibility to the Earth"

0930 School Assembly in the Cathedral
1610 Music Theory (B) / Choir Practice (G)
1715 Evensong (G)

Tuesday 30 April

St Mark

Selected 4th to 6th Form complete UK Maths Trust Challenge

1615 Staff meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

MAY

Wednesday 1 May

0915-1200 Individual school photographs
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 2 May

1400 U13 Cricket v Barnard Castle, DL12 8UN (*depart 12.40, pick up 1800*)
1415 U12 & U13 Rounders v Barnard Castle (H) (*pick up 1800*)
1615 U12 & U13 Rounders v Durham High, DH1 3TB (*pick up 1800*)

Friday 3 May

1515-1615 Second-hand uniform, pop up shop
1715 Evensong (G)

Saturday 4 May

1010 *Boarders' Activity*
1715 Evensong (B)

Sunday 5 May

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

Week 2A

Monday 6 May

Bank Holiday
No School for Day Pupils/Boarders; no duties for Choristers

Tuesday 7 May

Prep Assembly Theme: "Illumination"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "People who help us"
Mr Wicks attends CSA Heads' Conference, Cambridge
(7th and 8th May)

0900-1230 Prep School pupils sit Progress in English Tests
1615 Staff meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 8 May

0900-1230 Prep School pupils sit Progress in Maths Tests
1330 U8 Mini Tennis Cluster Schools at Durham High, DH1 3TB
(depart 1230, pick up 1600)
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 9 May

1430 U11A & B Rounders v Durham High (H)
1600 U12 & U13 Rounders v Parkview (H) (*pick up 1745*)

Friday 10 May

0900	NSPCC Thank you assembly for whole school
0930	U13 Girls Cricket Tournament, Sacriston Cricket Club, DH7 6JT (<i>depart 0900</i>)
1415	U9 Rounders v Polam, DL1 5PA (<i>depart 1315, pick up 1600</i>)
1555	Boy Choristers, Boy Probationers and Boarders' Exeat Weekend; Girl Choristers and Girl Probationers resident
1715	Evensong (G)

Saturday 11 May

All day	Rowing Team compete in Durham City Regatta
1010	<i>Boarders' Activity</i>
1715	Evensong includes Dedication of the Illumination Window (G)

Sunday 12 May

All day	Rowing Team compete in Durham City Regatta
1115	Sung Eucharist (B)
1530	Evensong replaced with Stations of the Resurrection (G)

Week 3B

Monday 13 May

	<i>Prep Assembly Theme: "Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias"</i>
	<i>Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "We can all help"</i>
	<i>Pre-School and Pre-Prep Assessment Week</i>
	Common Entrance French Oral exams, all week
	Common Entrance Mental Maths exams
1415	U12 & U13 Rounders v Red House (H)
1500	U9 Pairs Cricket v Barnard Castle at DCCC, DH1 3JU (<i>depart 1430, pick up 1730</i>)
1610	Music Theory (B) / Choir Practice (G)
1715	Music Theory (G)

Tuesday 14 May

	Common Entrance French Listening exams
All day	Gold Class visit Locomotion, Shildon
1400	U8 Pairs Cricket v Yarm, TS15 9ES (<i>depart 1300, pick up 1700</i>)
1430	U9 Rounders v Durham High, DH1 3TB (<i>depart 1400</i>)

1615 Staff Meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 15 May

1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 16 May

1000-1600 1st Form visit Botanic Garden, Durham
1415 U11A Rounders v Bow (H)
1415 U12 & U13 Rounders v Durham, DH1 4SZ (*depart 1330*)

Friday 17 May

1300 U10 & U11 Rounders v Barnard Castle, DL12 8UN
(depart 1130, pick up 1600)
1330 Lunchtime Recital
1415 U11 Cricket v NSB at DCCC, DH1 3JU (*depart 1330,*
pick up 1730)
1715 Evensong (G)
1900-2100 3 Schools' Disco, Durham High School—5th and 6th Form

Saturday 18 May

1000-1200 Open Morning
1230-1800 Boy and Girl Choristers, Probationers and Gold Class
participate in the Chorister Experience Afternoon

Sunday 19 May

1000 Matins (G)
1115 Eucharist (G)
1530 Evensong (B)
1730 Concert for the DCCA (B + G)

Week 4A

Monday 20 May

Prep Assembly Theme: "Bede—Historian and Scholar"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Reacting well"
1400-1600 3rd—6th Form Sports Day Heats, Palmers Close
1610 Choir Practice (B) / Music Theory (G)
1715 Evensong (B)

1800 Galilee Choir sing Evensong at Ripon Cathedral (*depart 1330, pick up Ripon 1900 or School 2000*)

Tuesday 21 May

All day Silver Class visit Souter Lighthouse
0900-0930 6th Form Girls HPV Vaccine (part 2)
0900-1245 Chorister Outreach visit (Decani)
1415 U9A & B Pairs Cricket v NSB, NE3 1LU (*depart 1315, pick up 1715*)
1545 U9's Durham Schools' Partnership High 5 Netball, Framwellgate School, DH1 5BQ (*pick up 1800*)
1615 Staff Meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 22 May

1415-1555 Rehearsal for Summer Concert, North Transept
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 23 May

All day Purple Class visit to Gibside
0900-1245 Chorister Outreach visit (Cantoris)
1400 U13A & B Cricket v Durham School, DH1 4SZ (*depart 1330, pick up 1730*)
1530 U12 & U13 Rounders v Durham Johnston, DH1 4SU (*pick up 1715*)
1900-2100 Summer Concert—'An Evening of Music', North Transept

Friday 24 May

0930-1030 School Eucharist in Cathedral Quire
HALF TERM BEGINS FOR:
Pre-Prep, 1515
Pre-School, 1530
Boy Choristers, All Probationers, Boarders and Day Pupils, 1555
1615 Girl Choristers choir practice

Saturday 25 May

St Bede

1715 Evensong and Procession for St Bede's Day (G)

Sunday 26 May

1000 Matins (G)
1115 Sung Eucharist (G)
1530 Evensong (G)
1645 Half Term begins for Girl Choristers

Monday 27 May – Saturday 1 June – Half Term

Sunday 2 June

1800-2000 All Choristers and Boarding Probationers return

Week 5B

Monday 3 June

Prep Assembly Theme: "Inventors and Inventions"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Caring for the World"

1330 U9 Rounders Cluster Schools at Teesside High, TS16 9AT
(depart 1205, pick up 1600)
1400 U13 Cricket v Loretto at DCCC, DH1 3JU (depart 1330,
pick up 1730)
1400 U13 Athletics v Red House at Middlesbrough Sports Village,
TS4 3AE (depart 1230, pick up 1630)
1610 Music Theory (B) / Choir Practice (G)
1715 Evensong (G)

Tuesday 4 June

6th Form Common Entrance Exams (until Friday)

All day Pyjamarama for Pre-School – 4th Form
1415 U11A & B Rounders v Red House, TS20 1DX (depart 1300)
1415 U11 Cricket v Red House at DCCC, DH1 3JU (depart 1345,
pick up 1730)
1545 U9's Durham Schools' Partnership High 5 Netball,
Framwellgate School, DH1 5BQ (pick up 1715)
1615 Staff Meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 5 June

- 0815 Galilee Choir Workshop with Maggie Burk
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 6 June

- All day 2nd Form visit Centre for Life
0930-1430 Pre-School visit Broom House Farm
1330-1500 1st Form visit Sage Gateshead—My Concerto in Eee Lad,
Wallace and Gromit Musical Marvels
1550 U12 & U13 Rounders v St Bedes (H) (*pick up 1715*)

Friday 7 June

- 1330 Informal Lunchtime Recital
0900-1200 3rd Form visit Centre for Life—Coding Workshop
1430 U9A & B Pairs Cricket v Polam Hall, DL1 5PA (*depart 1330,*
pick up 1730)
1715 Evensong (G)

Saturday 8 June

- All day Rowing Team compete in Durham Regatta
1010 *Boarders' Activity*

Sunday 9 June

- Pentecost*
All day Rowing Team compete in Durham Regatta
1000 Matins (G)
1115 Sung Eucharist (G)
1530 Evensong and Procession for Pentecost (B)

Week 6A

Monday 10 June

- Prep Assembly Theme: "Come down O love divine"*
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Happy families"
1330 Lindisfarne Plate Athletics, Monkton Stadium, NE32 5NJ
depart 1200, pick up 1615
1610 Choir Practice (B) / Music Theory (G)
1715 Music Theory (B)

Tuesday 11 June

- 0830 1st—5th Form School exams (until Friday
6th form Outward Bound Residential Trip to Kirkley Hall
(until Friday lunchtime)
- 1400-1600 1st and 2nd Form Sports Day Heats, Palmers Close
- 1615 Staff Meeting
- 1715 Evensong (G)
- 1545 U9's Durham Schools' Partnership High 5 Netball,
Framwellgate School, DH1 5BQ (*pick up 1800*) TBC

Wednesday 12 June

- 1245 U13 6-a-side Cricket v Durham School, DH1 4SZ (*depart 1215,*
pick up 1700)
- 1715 Evensong (G)

Thursday 13 June

U12 & U13 Rounders v Hermitage—TBC

Friday 14 June

- All day 1416 Society Golf Day
- 0830-1000 Pre-School and Purple Class Gentlemen's Breakfast
- 1300 6th Form return from Kirkley Hall
- 1330 U11 6-a-side Cricket v Barnard Castle, DL12 8UN (*depart 1200,*
pick up 1730)
- 1430-1530 6th Form Choristers rehearse—TBC
- TBC U8 Girls Tennis
- 1715 Evensong (G)

Saturday 15 June

- 1000 ABRSM Theory Exams
- 1010 *Boarders' Activity*
- 1715 Northern Cathedrals' Festival at Durham (B)

Sunday 16 June

- Trinity Sunday*
- 1000 Matins (B)
- 1115 Eucharist (B)
- 1530 Evensong (G)

1800-2000 6th Form rehearsal — Peter Pan

Week 7B

Monday 17 June

Prep Assembly Theme: "Practice makes perfect"

Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Forgiveness"

Morning 6th Form — Art and DT Exhibition preparation
0900-1600 ABRSM Music Exams
1430 U13 Cricket v Red House, TS20 1PE (*depart 1330, pick up 1800*)
1610 Music Theory (B) / Choir Practice (G)
1715 Music Theory (G)

Tuesday 18 June

All day 6th Form — Art and DT Exhibition preparation
All day 1st—5th Form Times Tables Rock Star Day
0900-1300 ABRSM Music Exams
1615 Staff Meeting
1715 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 19 June

Morning 3rd Form English Speaking Board exam
1000-1100 Pre-School and Pre-Prep Summer Concert rehearsal,
Assembly Hall
1300 U11 Cluster Schools Girls Cricket at Durham High, DH1 3TB
(*depart 1215*)
1715 Evensong (B)
1900 Michael James Music Competition, Assembly Hall

Thursday 20 June

0845-1000 Opro Gum Shield fitting
0900-1200 4th Form visit Centre for Life — Greek Maths Workshop
1330 U13 8-a-side Cricket v Barnard Castle, DL12 8UN (*depart
1200, pick up 1730*)
1540 U12 & U13 Rounders v Franwellgate School (H) (*pick up 1700*)

Friday 21 June

All day 6th Form rehearse — Peter Pan

1400	Pre-School and Pre-Prep Summer Concert for parents, Assembly Hall
1415	U11A & B Rounders v Teesside High, TS16 9AT (<i>depart 1245</i>)
1555	Girl Choristers, Girl Probationers and Boarders' Exeat Weekend; Boy Choristers and Boy Probationers resident
1715	Evensong (B)

Saturday 22 June

1010	<i>Boarders' Activity</i>
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Sunday 23 June

1000	Matins (B)
1115	Sung Eucharist (B)
1530	Evensong (B)
1800-2000	6th Form rehearsal—Peter Pan

Week 8A

Monday 24 June

Prep Assembly Theme: "Climate change—What can we do?"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Positivity and happiness"

Morning	6th Form rehearse—Peter Pan
1400	U9 & U11 Rounders v Barnard Castle, DL12 8UN (<i>depart 1230</i>)
1610	Choir Practice (B) / Music Theory (G)
1715	Music Theory (B)

Tuesday 25 June

All day	Around the World Cruise —Pre-School and Pre-Prep
All day	6th Form rehearse—Peter Pan
1415	U9A, B & C Pairs Cricket v Bow, DH1 3LS (<i>depart 1345, pick up 1700</i>)
1430-1515	Meeting for Gold parents in Middle School
1615	Staff Meeting
1715	Evensong (G)

Wednesday 26 June

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

1030-1200 Rehearsal
1320 Media Call
1340-1445 Concert
1715 Evensong (B)

Thursday 27 June

0800 5th Form depart for World Challenge at Borrowdale
Morning 6th Form rehearse – Peter Pan
1100-1700 Middle School Theatre Trip – Theatre Royal, Newcastle
1300 U11 Cluster Schools Athletics (H)
1800-2000 Summer Art and DT Exhibition Preview Evening

Friday 28 June

Morning Visit by Cargilfield School Choir
All day 6th Form rehearse – Peter Pan
1245 U11 6-a-side Cricket Tournament at Durham School,
DH1 4SZ (depart 1215, pickup 1700)
1545 5th Form return from World Challenge
1615-1800 Summer Art and DT Exhibition Open Evening
1715 Evensong (B)

Saturday 29 June

All day Rowing Team Compete in Bradford Regatta
1010 *Boarders' Activity*
1300 Summer Fair
1715 Ordination of Priests (G)

Sunday 30 June

1000 Ordination of Deacons (B)
1530 Evensong (G)

Week 9B

JULY

Monday 1 July

Prep Assembly Theme: "Faith, trust and pixie dust"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Being safe when out and about"

Morning 6th Form rehearse – Peter Pan
1400 House Rounders Competition, Potters Bank
1400 U11 Cricket v Bow at DCCC, DH1 3JU (*depart 1330, pickup 1700*)
1610 Music Theory (B) / Choir Practice (G)
1715 Music Theory (G)

Tuesday 2 July

0800-1000 Bag2School Collection
All day 6th Form – Dress rehearsal
All day Move Up Day
1615 Staff Meeting
1730 Evensong (G)

Wednesday 3 July

0900-1300 6th Form – Technical rehearsal
1315-1445 6th Form Production for school
1730 Evensong (B)
1900-2100 6th Form Production of Peter Pan for parents

Thursday 4 July

1200 3rd – 6th Form House Cricket at DCCC, DH1 3JU
(*depart 1130*)
1900-2100 6th Form Production of Peter Pan for parents

Friday 5 July

Whole School Sports Day, Palmers
1000-1130 Pre-Prep
1130-1230 Lunch
1230-1600 Prep School
1730 Evensong (G)

Saturday 6 July

1515 Evensong and Admission of Choristers (B and G)

Sunday 7 July

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

Week 10A

Monday 8 July

Prep Assembly Theme: "God be with you 'til we meet again"
Pre-Prep Assembly Theme: "Don't be sad because it's over, be happy because it happened!"

Morning reserved for Sports Day if bad weather on 5 July

Morning	Cinema trip for Pre-School and Pre-Prep
1400-1500	Stay and Play for Pre-School and Pre-Prep parents
1610	Choir Practice (B) / Music Theory (G)
1715	Music Theory (B)
1900	6th Form Leavers' Dinner

Tuesday 9 July

All day	Silver Class— Alice in Wonderland Mad Hatters Tea Party
All day	Gold Class— Pirate Day
All day	6th Form visit Lightwater Valley
1615	Staff Meeting
1715	Evensong (G)

Wednesday 10 July

1100	Final Assembly, Sports Hall
1715	Evensong (B)
1900-2100	Leavers' Recital, Prior's Hall

Thursday 11 July

0930-1030	Pre-Prep and Pre-School rehearsal in Cathedral
1030-1200	Prep School rehearsal in Cathedral
1430	Pre-Prep and Pre-School End of Term Service in Cathedral
1515	TERMS ENDS for Pre-School and Pre-Prep

Friday 12 July

No morning school for Prep School pupils

- 1300 Rehearsal for Choristers, Probationers and Galilee Choir for
End of Term Service
- 1400 End of Term Service with Prize giving in Cathedral,
Attended by all Prep School pupils and Gold Class
- 1545 Afternoon tea on College Green

TERM ENDS

- 1555 Day Pupils/Probationers/Boarders
CHORISTER PERIOD BEGINS

Saturday 13 July

- 1500 Miners' Festival Service

Sunday 14 July

- 1100 Matins for the Courts of Justice
- 1530 Evensong (G)

Monday 15 July

Tuesday 16 July

Wednesday 17 July

Thursday 18 July

Friday 19 July

Saturday 20 July

- 1715 Evensong with Durham Cathedral Old Choristers'
Association

Sunday 21 July

- 1530 All Choristers to sing Evensong and Dismissal
- 1645 **TERM ENDS FOR CHORISTERS**

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.