



Banbury Choral Society Youth Outreach Scheme

- Banbury Choral Society has started an exciting new initiative to support young singers in the Banbury area. From September 2012, we are introducing the BCS Youth Outreach Scheme.
- We have always encouraged the participation of young people from all backgrounds, by offering free membership and music hire for full-time students. We would like to help students build their self-confidence, fulfil their musical potential and benefit from the experience of singing with a large choir, taught by Julian Harris, our highly experienced conductor. (Please visit the 'About Us' page on the Banbury Choral Society website to find out more about the choir and its history.)
- The students selected for the BCS Youth Outreach Scheme will, in time, need to demonstrate significant vocal promise and commitment to the choir and in turn, they will receive the special recognition of an award of £50 per concert up to a maximum £150 per academic year. This award will go towards furthering their singing education, in the form of either vouchers or singing lessons or money for specific purposes.
- The scheme will initially be limited to four students per academic year. The main criteria for selection will be vocal ability and commitment and a minimum age limit of sixteen years.
- Selection of the successful students will be by audition and by assessment at rehearsals. Dates of auditions will be posted on this website or you can contact us for further information. After the audition, students will be required to attend rehearsals for the following two weeks and a decision on making the awards will be made after this time.
- The Audition will involve the following criteria:
 1. Singing a piece of music of the student's choice
 2. Sight-reading
 3. Technical voice exercises
 4. A brief *viva* with the interviewers on the student's musical interests.
- Outreach Students will be expected to attend weekly rehearsals, held on Monday evenings and to sing at the BCS concerts (we usually organise three per year). In certain cases, the student may have the opportunity to sing a small solo part.
- If you are interested in applying for this scheme please contact the society at info@banburychoralsoc.co.uk. We look forward to hearing from you!