



REIGATE & REDHILL CHORAL SOCIETY

TENOR & BASS CHORAL SCHOLARSHIPS – 2026/27 SEASON

About Us

Established in 1941, Reigate & Redhill Choral Society is an ambitious choir open to all ages without formal audition, currently comprising around 90 members across all voice-parts and under the leadership of our musical director, [Cole Bendall](#). We have an impressive history of programming concerts featuring a diverse range of works from the most popular classics to a selection of contemporary British composers, often with professional soloists and orchestra. Whilst based in Surrey, we also sing in festivals and go on tour in the UK as well as on the Continent.

We are excited to announce the opening of a new Choral Scholarship programme, starting in September 2026. Applications are now open for experienced and confident young choral or solo singers, who are keen to develop their musical abilities and expand their knowledge of repertoire and technique, to enhance and support the choir.

The programme will run from September 2026 to July 2027, and is aimed at two scholars, one tenor and one bass / baritone. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings in Redhill (trains from London Bridge/Victoria and near M25 J8), and hold four concerts per year, in November, December, March and early July; in addition, we often go on tour over a May Bank Holiday weekend. We welcome applicants with diverse experiences and backgrounds, although the roles will likely be of most benefit to undergraduate or postgraduate music students.

Successful candidates will be:

- Confident choral and/or solo singers with the ability to support their voice part section
- Secure sight-readers
- Willing to attend a minimum of 80% of weekly rehearsals per term
- Able to perform at all concerts during the period of the agreement

Benefits offered to candidates:

- Excellent training to support their music studies and improve their musical repertoire and technique
- Opportunities for small solo performances at concerts or understudying larger solo roles
- Opportunities to lead sectional rehearsals
- Coaching in choral leadership skills
- Annual honorarium of £1500, payable monthly in arrears from September to June, plus extra fees for other solo work or events, by agreement

Dates for 2026/27 Season:

- 1 September First rehearsal of term – Upper Hall, Shaw’s Corner URC, Redhill RH1 6AU
- 26 September Workshop – at St Andrew’s Church, Goldsworth Park, Woking GU21 3LG led by Cole Bendall and Carris Jones
- 28 November Autumn Concert – Elgar: *Dream of Gerontius*; joint concert with Woking Choral Society, Chantry Singers, Octavian Singers, accompanied by London Mozart Players, at G Live in Guildford
- 15 December Christmas Concert & Social – at Shaw’s Corner URC, Redhill RH1 6AU
- 20 March Spring Concert – Brahms: *Ein Deutsches Requiem* at St Mary’s Church, Reigate RH2 7RN
- 29 – 31 May Continental Tour - TBC
- 10 July Summer Concert – Repertoire TBC – at St John the Evangelist Church, Redhill RH1 6QA

How to apply

Please send your CV, together with a short recording and a covering letter to Cole Bendall at rccsconductor@gmail.com. If you have any questions, you may contact our Chair, Kevin Chamberlain at chamberlain594@btinternet.com. The closing date for applications is 5 June 2026, and interviews with voice tests will take place on Tuesday 23 June 2026.

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