

Behaviour Protocol

The purpose of the below protocol is to ensure the Choir portrays a professional image, worthy of ourselves, our fellow choristers and the choir itself.

Dress / Conduct on stage when performing

- Choristers should attend concerts with the correct dress according to the Marshall / committee directions
 - No 1 uniform consists of Blue Blazer, White Shirt (short sleeves May-Sept, long sleeves Oct-April), Choir Tie, Black Trousers, Black socks and Black shiny shoes (not trainers)
 - Other options used in choir fixtures consist of Red polo shirt, Red choir jumper, White Shirt, Choir Tie, Black Trousers, Black socks and Black shiny shoes (not trainers)
- No embellishments such as badges, flowers, medals, etc shall be worn with agreed uniform without prior agreement from the Choir Marshall / committee
- Choristers must ensure that their choir uniform is clean, pressed and presentable at each engagement.

Staging (all staged events apply)

- Choristers should be punctual in staging (following the timings as outlined by the committee / Choir Marshall or MD). Choristers arriving late should wait until being invited on stage by the Choir Marshall / MD to join stage. Joining stage should not take place during singing.
- All members must follow instructions given by the Choir Marshall or MD regarding formation of the choir and as needs dictate, placement of individual choristers
- There should be no inappropriate behaviour (eg talking or drinking alcohol)
- Taking the stage will be carried out in silence, once on stage choristers will face the front with arms down by their sides.
- When seated on stage choristers will sit with hands on their knees. No folded arms or crossed legs.
- Leaving the stage will be carried out as per instructions of the Choir Marshall or MD, and in silence.

- Choristers will not unwrap sweets on stage. No bottles or drinks on stage, apart from in hot weather when an exception of a bottle of water may be permitted (upon instruction from the Choir Marshall)
- Music copies / crib sheets should not be used except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the MD (or Deputy)
- Choristers will not use mobile phones on stage which must be turned off or on silent.