I am pleased to invite you and your students to two days of choral workshops taking place at the University of Cambridge on the 24th and 25th June 2017. The Cambridge Choral Experience is designed to give pupils and teachers a chance to sample the rich choral culture that has been a feature of Cambridge life since the University's foundation. Cambridge boasts over 24 colleges with high-quality choirs, and singing in a college choir is not restricted to music students. For students of any subject, singing can represent an important and enriching part of life here. The course on Saturday 24th June is aimed at pupils in Years 7-10. On Sunday 25th June we welcome Years 11-13. On both occasions, teachers are warmly invited to participate.

Each day will involve
- full choir singing
- small-group sectionals
- a tour of colleges
- a chance to meet current Cambridge choral scholars; and hear them perform
- information about choral awards and the application process to Cambridge
- a final sing-through in one of Cambridge’s iconic colleges

Registration opens on Monday 24th April at http://www.undergraduate.study.cam.ac.uk/finance/music-awards/choral-awards and closes on Friday 9th June. The Cambridge Choral Experience is free of charge to all students and teachers from non-fee-paying schools. The choral days will be led by Ralph Allwood MBE (Saturday) and Sarah MacDonald (Sunday), both of them leaders in the field of choral music and education. Ralph Allwood is the Director and Founder of Eton Choral Courses as well as the conductor of the Queens’ College Choir, Cambridge. He is also the founder and conductor of the London-based choir, Inner Voices, whose members are all from state schools. Sarah MacDonald is the current director of music at Selwyn College, Cambridge and of the Ely Cathedral Girls’ Choir. She has held her post at Selwyn since 1999, and was the first woman to be admitted as director of music at an Oxbridge college. The main venue for the singing days will be the Old Divinity School, St John's College. Each day will run from 10.00 am to 5.00 pm.

If you have any questions about the event or your application, please contact: music@caths.cam.ac.uk

Best wishes

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