



Free Singing Workshops and Auditions in Lancashire

The National Youth Choir is coming to Lancashire!

- Sunday 4 October 2026 – free singing workshop
- Saturday 17 October 2026 – auditions for the National Youth Choir

We're grateful to be hosted by the Lancashire Music hub.

WORKSHOP SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER

Ripley St Thomas, Ashton Rd, Lancaster, Lancashire LA1 4RS

Join us for a one-off friendly singing workshop on Sunday 4 October led by expert vocal leaders from the National Youth Choir. No experience is necessary – we welcome everyone who loves to sing! The workshop is **FREE**.

Sign up for either the morning or the afternoon session, whichever suits you best.

- Session 1 – MORNING 10.30am-12.45pm
- Session 2 – AFTERNOON 1.45-4pm

Who can join:

- Anyone in Year 6 to 9 in school year 2026/27
 - Ask us if you have a keen Year 5 singer!
- Everyone is welcome but we particularly encourage those at a state school or who are homeschooled in the Lancashire area.

What to expect:

- Work together to learn new songs.
- Meet other young people who love to sing.
- Improve your skills, learn more about music and singing together.
- Everyone is welcome at these workshops. The friendly team from National Youth Choir will be there to help you and make sure everyone has a great time.
- If you are planning to audition for the Choir, we will talk you through what to expect.
- You can attend the workshop even if you don't want to audition for the Choir.

How to sign up for the workshop

Please complete [this online form](#) to register to take part in the workshop on Sunday 4 October.

Please note that if you also want to sign up for an audition, there is a separate process outlined below.



AUDITION DAY SATURDAY 17 OCTOBER

Burnley Central Library

On Saturday 17 October there is an opportunity to audition for the National Youth Choir!

For anyone from Lancashire Music hub interested in auditioning, booking will be live for these auditions from **Wednesday 16 September 2026**. Booking closes at **9am on 12 October**.

Young singers wishing to audition for National Youth Choir are strongly encouraged to attend the workshop day on 4 October, as this will give the young singer a chance to build their skills, guided by an experienced NYC vocal leader, and we will talk you through what to expect in the audition.

- Auditions will take place in person in Burnley Central Library.
- Each audition lasts 15 minutes and you select your time slot when booking.
- To book an audition, you will need to create a profile in our Singer Portal. There is a helpful video guide on how to book your audition here: <https://www.nationalyouthchoir.org.uk/how-to-book>
- You can create your profile now but you will only be able to book auditions for the Lancashire auditions from Wednesday 16 September.
- Auditioning to join National Youth Choir is **free**.
- You will receive an email from National Youth Choir later in the Autumn with your audition results. Unfortunately there is a long wait because we have to wait for all our national auditions to take place.

If your singer would like to audition, **you must book a slot** before they attend. This is so that everything can be processed in the right order.

It is worth checking our website for further information about the Choir and auditions.

The following page has some information for what to expect in the audition.



Preparing for the Audition:

The only thing you need to prepare ahead of your audition is a song you like to sing! It can be any song you wish from any genre (i.e., musical theatre, classical, jazz, pop, folk...).

You only need to sing us a short section of it, so be sure to pick a song that shows off your voice and that you love to sing!

We'd like you to sing your song from memory and without accompaniment or backing track. If you need a starting note our audition panel will help you.

In the audition here's what you can expect:

1. You'll meet two of our friendly audition staff who will take you through the audition process.
2. We'll start by having a chat with you to find out more about you! Tell us why you love singing and why you decided to audition for National Youth Choir.
3. You'll then sing us your song.
4. Then, we'll get to know your singing voice more with our audition panel leading you through some simple vocal exercises. There's nothing to prepare here!
5. Lastly, we'll explore your musicianship. This part of your audition will vary depending on your age and experience. We are not trying to catch you out! We just want to see what you know, how you think, how developed your musical ear is and how much musical potential you have. For some examples of what we may ask you to do, you can look [here](#).

Joining National Youth Choir:

Check out our website for more information about what it means to join National Youth Choir and what it involves including costs and information about financial support.

<https://www.nationalyouthchoir.org.uk/national-youth-choir-9-18-years-auditions>