

EASBOURNE COLLEGE AND THE MUSIC TRADITION

Founded by the seventh Duke of Devonshire and other prominent Eastbourne citizens in 1867, Eastbourne College, with its Church of England ethos, has an excellent academic reputation. Last summer's exam results saw its best ever set of A-level results and it was given first division status by The Daily Telegraph. It has an enviable sporting record and is particularly strong in music, drama and art. The College is an independent (HMC) boarding school for boys and girls from 13-18, with a strong boarding tradition. At present it has 500 pupils, with 220 in the sixth form.

The foundations of a musical tradition were laid down in 1884 when the first choral scholarships were awarded. Immediately after the First World War the Choral Society was founded. During the Second World War the College was evacuated to Radley where the musical tradition continued. The Music Department has grown over many years; 1994 provided yet more facilities with the opening of the Robert Storrs String Centre, including a departmental library.

Instrumental music is strongly promoted through the College orchestras, chamber music coaching and individual teaching. There is a professional music series of concerts which brings top class performers into the College. There is also a close liaison with the Eastbourne Symphony Orchestra.

The main College Choir comprises some 50 singers and is formed as a double four-part choir. It has nurtured a number of former Choir Schools Association members, including choristers from Exeter and Winchester Cathedrals, and today it also numbers among its singers Huw Edwards and André François, both former Head Choristers of Chichester Cathedral. It enjoys an enviable reputation and has broadcast on national radio and made various recordings. The smaller Chamber Choir offers further opportunities for the most dedicated. The choirs sing a cathedral repertoire on a weekly basis during term time, with other services mid-week when required including visits to cathedrals to sing evensong. The College has won choral awards at Oxford, Cambridge, Durham and other universities.

The College Choral Society of today is formed from the College Choir and other singers from the school. The Eastbourne Symphony Chorus comprises singers from local singing groups, parents of pupils in the College, parents of former pupils, and friends of the College and ESO. All singers meet weekly for rehearsal during the Lent Term.

For more information about Eastbourne College, please contact the Registrar (01323 452351; e-mail: registrar@eastbourne-coll.demon.co.uk). Representatives from the College will also be present at the exhibition of independent schools at the Westgate Leisure Centre, Chichester on Sat 16 October 1999.

EASTBOURNE COLLEGE CHORAL SOCIETY

Chorus master: Graham Jones Rehearsal accompanist: Jane Mansergh

Sopranos	Jonathan Olliff-Lee	Holly Symington	Basses
Verity Bullen	Georgina Picton	Harriet Wilcock	Jonathan Bending
Camilla Bustard	Katya Rosin	Llewella Wynne	Benjamin Deery
Joanna Clarke	Robert Tipples		Huw Edwards
Catherine Collins	Katie White	Tenors	André François
Sebastian Cook		Nicholas Castell	John Mercer
Sophie Darley	Altos	Graham Jones	George Philips
Fiona Donaldson	Matthew Adcock	Darius Lau	Colin Polden
Nicola Gadsden	Phyllis Chan	James McLauchlan	James Shore
Jodie Heslop	Julian Kaye	Piers Sargent	John Thornley
Christopher Lynas	Hannah Kowszun	Hugh Skinner	Paul Wilkins
Jack Maberly	Rachel McMahon	Jonathan Vickers	Paul Woodward
Joelle Meakin	Deborah Simmons	Jamie Wakefield	
Naomi Mercer	Katharine Stratton		

EASTBOURNE SYMPHONY CHORUS

Chorus master: Graham Jones, David Force Rehearsal accompanist: Jane Mansergh

Sopranos	Jane Kaye	Kay Ecclestone	John Stratton
June Ashton	Mary Littlechild	Pam Freeman	Paul Williams
Sandra Ashton	Sheila Markwick	Louise Gaffney	Basses
Anthea Birch	Jane Pettigrew	Jane Goudge	Richard Adcock
Sally Bishop	Pamela Powell	Philippa Kirtley	Guy Baker
Mary Bush	Diana Revell	Myrtle Lines	Alec Boniface
Chairmain Bustard	Christine Sard	Pamela McKeown	Ian Collins
Molly Cooper	Janet Short-Windsor	Christine McMahon	Douglas Crosby-
Jane Cornford	Amanda Staples	Catherine Newton	Jones
Janet Craig	Val Stumbles	Janet Parker	Simon Dodds
Joan Crook	Penny Whitting	Mary Stratton	Roger Ellis
Sally Ann Dunn	Christine Wilkins	David Thorpe	Hugh Graham
Elizabeth Farrant	Nicola Williams	Tenors	Michael Heaton
Ruth Force	Altos	John Caroe	Paul Lucas
Elizabeth Foster	Anne Bamber	Ian Clegg	Peter McGowan
Gill Freeland	Gill Belcher	Ian Coombs	John Marshall
Eve Gardner	Barbara Beresford	John Crawshaw	Andrew Murray
Barbara Green	Joyce Chapman	Steve Dodd	Tim Roberts
Hilary Hartley	Mary Cooper	Alan Forster	John Shannon
Toni Hookham	Monica Cornish	David Jeffries	Michael Stumbles
Caroline Hunt	Carole Deschamps	Graham Stew	