



Matthew hits the mark with magical melodies

Please join us in congratulating

Matthew Dougherty....

who has won a place in the

National Youth Boys Choir.

At only 9 years of age, Matthew beat off tough competition from hundreds of other hopefuls in nationwide auditions, conducted by top professionals, to become one of the youngest members of the choir.



Year 5 pupil Matthew Dougherty, celebrating the good news

With only around one in six children being offered a place, Matthew is delighted with the news.

Mrs Winton-Mills says, "I am thrilled for Matthew – he is a talented musician and thoroughly deserves this great opportunity."

Matthew, who is the only Eastern Counties representative in the choir, will attend two residential courses a year hosted by top boarding schools and work with many well known conductors.

Singing is an important part of life here, with all children encouraged to join one of the many school choirs.

Currently 24 of our boys are actively involved with the St Edmundsbury Cathedral choirs.

Of course – it would be wrong not to also mention how well our girls are doing! Currently we have one representative within The National Youth Choir and eight girls are part of the National Children's Choir.

The school has a history of successful singers, with many pupils gaining music and choral scholarships across a wide variety of schools; with 7 music scholarships for singing offered in the past 3 years.

Around 40% of children within the school also have private singing lessons – with the majority of students achieving grade 4-5 by the age of eleven.

If you would like to find out more about any of the opportunities that are on offer for your child/ren then please speak to Mrs Winton-Mills.

