

# It's music to their ears

Three talented choristers have just gained places in the National Youth Choir (NYC) of Great Britain.

Emma Wright, an Upper Sixth student from Field Dalling, who attends Gresham's Senior School, has been offered a highly-coveted place in the National Youth Choir.

Before gaining a place, Emma was a member of the Training Choir during which time she performed the Monteverdi Vespers at the Royal Albert Hall as well as singing on the NYC's Britten Centenary CD recording.

As head chorister and a music scholar, Emma frequently takes part in school concerts and performances and, this term, plays a lead role in the school's musical, *Carousel*. She will also play the role of Eponine in Sheringham Little Theatre's production of *Les Miserables*.

Mark Jones, director of music at Gresham's Senior School said: "Emma has worked extremely hard on her singing

over many years and this is a fantastic opportunity for her to develop further. She has been a member of the NYC Training Choir for the past year and she fully deserves her place as a full member of the NYC. It is a tremendous achievement to have secured this place and she will gain enormously from the experience. I am sure that we will hear a lot more from Emma over the next few years."

Charlotte Pollard, from Cromer, a Year 6 pupil at Gresham's Prep School, has been offered a place in the NYC Junior Girls' Choir.

Charlotte is no stranger to performing, having been selected for the role of Brigitta in last year's performance of *The Sound of Music* produced by Cromer and Sheringham Operatic and Dramatic Society.

She is also a member of Gresham's Prep School Chapel Choir and has appeared and sung in a number of school performances.

Nathan Waring, director of



music at the Prep School said: "This is a great achievement for Charlotte where she continues to demonstrate her talents as a singer in performing arts both inside and outside of school."

Congratulations also went to

former pupil, Charlie Jefford, from Oulton, who also earned a place in the NYC. He was not previously a member of the Training Choir and his selection for the main choir is, therefore, quite an achievement.



The Chapel Choir at Gresham's Prep School in Holt was recently selected as one of the top 16 junior choirs in the country, enabling them to compete at the final of Barnardo's Choral Competition on March 3.

This is the first time the Chapel Choir, made up of children aged eight to 12 years, has entered this competition and

the Barbican Centre in London. A panel of judges will be chaired by Douglas Coombes MBE, composer, conductor and music consultant of the BBC Songs of Praise school choir competition.

The winning choirs from the competition will be invited to sing at Barnardo's Young Supporters' Concert on June 6 at the Royal Albert Hall, London.

of the choir said: "This is a marvellous achievement for the young choir who have only been singing together for one term. They work very hard in rehearsals to achieve the highest possible standard of singing – and have a lot of fun as well. The choir are not only looking forward to singing at the Barbican this term, but also visiting the chapel of King's College