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Chichester Head to Lead Choir Schools

Tim Cannell, Head Master of The Prebendal School in Chichester succeeded Roger Overend as Chairman of the Choir Schools' Association (CSA) on 1 September.

Tim says: "I am delighted and honoured to serve the Choir Schools Association as their Chairman. It is an organisation that promotes and helps to ensure the future of our cultural heritage. Our Choristers regularly enhance the worship in our Cathedrals, Abbeys and Churches throughout the country and the quality of their singing is renowned throughout the World.

"Choir schools offer a unique education not just for the Choristers themselves but for all the other children that attend the schools. The quality and love of music is often awe inspiring and their close links with their Cathedral / Abbey give a real richness to the life of the community.

"There is nothing better than to end the day in quiet contemplation listening to the choir sing Evensong. This time of quiet reflection and worship is a time that encourages the recharging of batteries and keeping a real sense of balance in one's life."

Tim studied Comparative Religion/Theology at King Alfred's College, Winchester and has an MA in Educational Management from the Open University. He began his teaching career in primary schools and was Care Officer at the Royal School for the Deaf. He was Head of an international school in Papua New Guinea before moving into the independent sector.

He is a team inspector with the Independent Schools Inspectorate. He and wife Jeanette, a garden designer, have two grown up children.