



Music Calendar
2024-2025



Welcome

Welcome to the 2024-25 concert series presented jointly by King Edward VI High School for Girls, and King Edward's School. Music is at the heart of these two great schools, a unique, thrilling, and vital part of the musical life of our city.

Our programmes this year include Maurice Duruflé's Requiem, major chamber works, and Mahler's immense Ninth Symphony, a performance of which is hard to imagine in any other school.

Our concerto soloist is Rebecca Bazlov; and you can also hear for the first time the work of our new Thirds and Shells.

There are also two Instrumental Evening Showcases, celebrating the best performances given by our boys and girls as part of our Instrumental Evenings.

We look forward to welcoming you to our concerts, sharing with you the great things our girls and boys achieve together in music.

Michelle Sanders and Martin Leigh



KING EDWARD VI
HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL
BIRMINGHAM

THE MISS MARGARET DAVIS MEMORIAL RECITAL

Thursday 12 September 2024 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

The first recital of the season, and traditionally one of the most prestigious. It commemorates all those who have supported music in our schools, and especially the generosity of Miss Margaret Davis.

Gwilym Thorp, trumpet; Sharon Li, violin; Rebecca Bazlov, piano.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 24 September 2024, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A short concert of solo performances and chamber music given by advanced musicians from both schools.

SHELLS' AND THIRDS' RECITAL

Wednesday 25 September 2024, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

The first opportunity for our new Shells and Thirds from both schools to perform.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 1st October 2024, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A short concert of solo performances and chamber music given by advanced musicians from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 7 October 2024, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by pianists and organists from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 10 October 2024, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Alicia Liu, violin; Bryneet Kaur, 'cello.

Gordon Jacob's *A Simple Serenade* quartet: Han Zhang, flute; Violet McNeill, oboe; Simon Cheung, clarinet; Alastair Zhang, bassoon.

Brahms Piano Quartet in G minor, op.25: Li Wan, violin; Siyao Ou, viola; Josh Wei, 'cello; Max Walsh, piano.





INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 14 October 2024, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by string players from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 21 October 2024, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by woodwind and brass players from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 7 November 2024, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Priyamvada Agarwal, violin; Jiajie Li, flute; Karen Mao, viola.

Schubert Guitar quartet: Jiajie Li, flute; Karen Mao, viola; Aidan Zhang, 'cello; Ming Jiang, guitar

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 11 November 2024, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by vocalists, drum kit, and percussion players from both schools.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 12 November 2024, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A short concert of solo performances and chamber music given by advanced musicians from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 14 November 2024, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Harry Green, voice.

Vivaldi: Concerto for two oboes

KEHS Chamber Orchestra with Shalu Arun and Violet McNeill.

Debussy's *Danse Sacrée et Danse Profane*

KEHS Chamber Orchestra and Derwent Wilson, harp.



INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 18 November 2024, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by guitar players from both schools, including a performance by the Guitar Orchestra.

INSTRUMENTAL SHOWCASE

Wednesday 20 November 2024, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A programme of highlights from this term's Instrumental Evenings.

STEINWAY JAZZ NIGHT 1

Wednesday 4 December 2024, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A seasonal concert of solo and group jazz performances given by musicians from both schools.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1

Sunday 8 December 2024, 15.00 | Ruddock Hall | £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

Performances by Choral Society, Wind Band, String Orchestra, KES/KEHS Big Band, KEHS Chamber Choir and KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Tuesday 12 November 2024; on general sale from Tuesday 19 November 2024.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2

Sunday 8 December 2024, 19.30 | Ruddock Hall | £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

Performances by KES Choir, Swing Band, KEHS Chamber Choir, Concert Band and KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Tuesday 12 November 2024; on general sale from Tuesday 19 November 2024.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 3

Monday 9 December 2024, 19.30 | Ruddock Hall | £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

Performances by Choral Society, KES/KEHS Big Band, KEHS Lower School Choir, Concert Band, Concert Orchestra and KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra.

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Tuesday 12 November 2024; on general sale from Tuesday 19 November 2024.

KES CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 10 December 2024, 19.30 | St Philip's Cathedral | All welcome.

A traditional Carol Service sung by KES Choir.



INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 13 January 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by pianists and organists from both schools.

THE 'BARBER' RECITAL

Friday 17 January 2025, 13.10 | Bramall Music Building, University of Birmingham | Admission free.

Our annual trip to the Barber Institute to play as part of the University of Birmingham's Concert Series. The programme this year includes Onslow's Nonet, Shostakovich piano trio, and Mendelssohn's Octet.

Onslow Nonet: Anne-Laure Kavanagh, flute; Shalu Arun, oboe; Simon Cheung, clarinet; Alastair Zhang, bassoon; Cath Butler, horn; Sharon Li, violin; Srilakshmi Sen, viola; William Meek, 'cello; Gabriel Iyiola, double bass.

Piano trio: Sharon Li, piano; Alicia Liu, violin; Bryneet Kaur, 'cello.

Mendelssohn Octet: Sharon Li, violin; Alicia Liu, violin; Priyamvada Agarwal, violin; Lulu Frisson, violin; Karen Mao, viola; Arooj Ahmed, viola; Bryneet Kaur, 'cello; William Meek, 'cello.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 4 February 2025, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A short concert of solo performances and chamber music given by advanced musicians from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 6 February 2025, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Aidan Zhang, piano; Raymond Sun, violin; Han Zhang, flute; Aidan Forde, voice

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 10 February 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by woodwind and brass players from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 24 February 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by string players from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 27 February 2025, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Mark Bo, violin; Idden Hiew, voice; Ming Jiang, piano; Brendan Priest, violin.

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT 1

Sunday 9 March 2025, 15.00 | Ruddock Hall | £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

Choral Society and KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra

Maurice Duruflé (1902-86): Requiem

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911): Symphony no.9 (1909)

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Tuesday 11 February 2025; on general sale from Tuesday 25 February 2025.

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT 2

Monday 10 March 2025, 19.30 | Ruddock Hall | £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

Rebecca Bazlov, piano.

KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra

Sergei Rakhmaninov (1873-1943): Concerto no. 2 for piano and orchestra

Gustav Mahler (1860-1911): Symphony no.9 (1909)

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Tuesday 11 February 2025; on general sale from Tuesday 25 February 2025.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Tuesday 11 March 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by guitar players from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 24 March 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by vocalists, drum kit, and percussion players from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL SHOWCASE

Wednesday 26 March 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A programme of highlights from this term's Instrumental Evenings.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 27 March 2025, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Yilin Chen, piano; Tarun Muruganathan, 'cello; Toby Painter, saxophone; Max Walsh, piano.

SUMMER CONCERT

Tuesday 1 April 2025, 19.00 | Ruddock Hall | £10.00 adults, £5.00 conc.

Performances by choirs, bands, and orchestras from both schools.

Tickets available to everyone on Tuesday 18 March 2025.



LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 1 May 2025, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Jai Lewis, violin; Josh Wei, 'cello; Connie Zhang, flute; Isaac Bazlov, piano.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 10 June 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A short concert of solo performances and chamber music given by advanced musicians from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 19 June 2025, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Simon Cheung, clarinet; Esmee Raghavan, 'cello; Alastair Zhang, bassoon.

SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT

Sunday 22 June 2025, 16.30 | Ruddock Hall | £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

The KES/KEHS Big Band hosts another summer's evening of jazz, featuring soloists from both schools and professional guest musicians.

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Thursday 22 May 2025; on general sale from Thursday 5 June 2025.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 24 June 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A short concert of solo performances and chamber music given by advanced musicians from both schools.

STEINWAY JAZZ NIGHT 2

Monday 30 June 2025, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

A concert of solo and group jazz performances given by musicians from both schools.

SYNDICATE CONCERT

Saturday 5 July 2025, 19.30 | Ruddock Hall

A concert devised and performed by members of the sixth forms from both schools.





EASTSIDE JAZZ CLUB

Tickets will be available from www.ruddockpac.co.uk.

If you have a query, or need to book an accessible space, please contact the Box Office by email: ruddockpac@keschools.org.uk.

Parking

Unfortunately, we have no space for extra vehicles during the day.

Please arrive in plenty of time to locate a public car park nearby.

For ticketed events, a gate code will be given to you, in person or on-line; for unticketed evening events, the Edgbaston Park Road gates will be open.

Please park on the main school drive, off Edgbaston Park Road.