



Music Calendar

2025-26



Welcome

Welcome to the 2025-26 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 major choral works by Bruckner and Schubert; a huge range of chamber works; as well as Brahms's Symphony no.4.

The season also includes three concerto soloists: Simon, who plays the clarinet concert by Óscar Navarro; Karen, who plays the *Romance* by Max Bruch, and; Max, who plays Maurice Ravel's Concerto in D for left hand and orchestra.

In our three recital series you can hear some of the finest young musicians in the country as well as those at the very beginning of their musical journeys. There are jazz and big band concerts, too.

The scale, quality, and ambition of music in our schools is unique, and we look forward to sharing with you all 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 18 September 2025 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.

Max, piano; Karen, viola; Simon, clarinet; Yilin, piano.

SHELLS' AND THIRDS' RECITAL

Monday 22 September 2025, 17.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 23 September 2025, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 30 September 2025, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 6 October 2025, 17.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 9 October 2025, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Hilary, violin; Tarun, 'cello; Srilakshmi, viola
Piano trio: Max, piano; Khai, violin; Josh, 'cello.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 13 October 2025, 17.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by string players from both schools.





INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 20 October 2025, 17.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

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

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 6 November 2025, 13.10 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

Glenda, violin; Alastair, guitar; Gwilym, trumpet

Piano Quartet: Mark, violin; Karen, viola; Ming, 'cello;

Aidan, piano

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 10 November 2025, 17.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

An informal concert given by singers, drummers, and percussion players from both schools.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 11 November 2025, 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 17 November 2025, 17.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

An informal concert given by guitar players from both schools.

MARGARET FAULTLESS MASTERCLASS

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 09.30 / Ruddock Hall

A masterclass given by Professor Margaret Faultless, of the University of Cambridge and the Royal Academy of Music, an internationally renowned specialist in historical performance practice.

STEINWAY JAZZ NIGHT 1

Wednesday 3 December 2025, 18.00 / Ruddock Hall / £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

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

Tickets available from Tuesday 25 November 2025



LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 4 December 2025, 13.10 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

Adi, voice; Aidan, voice; KEHS Chamber Orchestra

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1

Sunday 7 December 2025, 14.30 / Ruddock Hall / £10.00 adults, £5.00 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 18 November 2025; on general sale from Tuesday 25 November 2025.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2

Sunday 7 December 2025, 19.00 / Ruddock Hall / £10.00 adults, £5.00 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 18 November 2025; on general sale from Tuesday 25 November 2025.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 3

Monday 8 December 2025, 19.00 / Ruddock Hall / £10.00 adults, £5.00 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 18 November 2025; on general sale from Tuesday 25 November 2025.

KES CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 9 December 2025, 19.30 / St Philip's Cathedral / All welcome.

A traditional Carol Service sung by KES Choir.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 8 January 2026, 13.10 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

Isaac, piano; Jai, violin; Raymond, violin; Clarice, violin

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 12 January 2026, 17.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

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

THE 'BARBER' RECITAL

Thursday 15th January 2026, 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.

Bohuslav Martinů (1890-1959): Trio for flute, 'cello, and piano
Jiajie, flute; Aran, 'cello; Aidan, piano

Gustav Holst (1874-1934): Sextet in E minor
Esmee, oboe; Simon, clarinet; Alastair, bassoon; Priyamvada, violin; Siyao, viola;
Ming, 'cello

Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-93): *Souvenir de Florence*
Tian, violin; James, violin; Karen, viola; Srilakshmi, viola;
Josh, 'cello; Aidan, 'cello

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 3 February 2026, 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 5 February 2026, 13.10 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

Brendan, violin; Ming, piano; Connie, flute;
Dvořák Quartet: Priyamvada, violin; Glenda, violin; Siyao, viola;
Aran, cello

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 9 February 2026, 17.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

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

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 23 February 2026, 17.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

An informal concert given by string players from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 2 March 2026, 17.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

An informal concert given by singers, drummers, and percussion players from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Wednesday 4 March 2026, 18.00 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

An informal concert given by guitar players from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 5 March 2026, 13.10 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

Priyamvada, violin; Yilin, piano; Li, violin;

Piano Trio: Connie, flute; Hilary, violin; Jessie, piano

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT 1

Sunday 8 March 2026, 14.30 / Ruddock Hall / £10.00 adults, £5.00 conc.

Choral Society and KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra

Franz Schubert (1787-1828): Mass in G (1815)

Anton Bruckner (1824-96): *Locus Iste* (1869)

Johannes Brahms (1833-97): Symphony no. 4, op. 98 (1885)

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Tuesday 10 February 2026; on general sale from Tuesday 24 February 2026.

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT 2

Monday 9 March 2026, 19.00 / Ruddock Hall / £10.00 adults, £5.00 conc.

Simon, clarinet; Karen, viola; Max, piano

KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra

Óscar Navarro (1981-): Concerto for clarinet and orchestra (2007)

Max Bruch (1838-1920): *Romance* for viola and orchestra, op.85 (1911)

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937): Concerto in D for left hand and orchestra (1930)

Johannes Brahms (1833-97): Symphony no. 4, op.98 (1885)

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community from Tuesday 10 February 2026; on general sale from Tuesday 24 February 2026.

SPRING CONCERT

Monday 23 March 2026, 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 10 March 2026.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 23 April 2026, 13.10 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

Aran, 'cello; Esmee, 'cello; Michelle, piano; Mark, violin



PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 9 June 2026, 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 18 June 2026, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Josh, 'cello; Aidan, piano; Siyao and Siyuan, viola duet

String Quartet: Li, violin; Clarice, violin; Siyuan, viola;

Esmee, 'cello

SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT

Sunday 21 June 2026, 16.30 | Ruddock Hall | £10.00 adults, £5.00 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 4 June 2026; on general sale from Thursday 11 June 2026.

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 23 June 2026, 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 29 June 2026, 17.00 | Ruddock Hall | £5.00 adults, £2.50 conc.

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

Tickets available from Thursday 18 June 2026

SYNDICATE CONCERT

Friday 3 July 2026, 19.00 | Ruddock Hall

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





*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.

Many thanks to David Ash and Roger Marsh for the photography.