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KING EDWARD'S SCHOOL
BIRMINGHAM



Music Calendar

2026 - 27



Welcome

Welcome to the 2026-27 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; a huge range of chamber works; as well as Beethoven's Symphony no.3.

The season also includes Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto no. 1 played by Aidan Zhang and a new work for choir and orchestra by Christopher Churcher (O. E.)

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



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HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS



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THE MISS MARGARET DAVIS MEMORIAL RECITAL

Thursday 17 September 2026 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.

Ming Jiang, piano; Priyamvada Agarwal, violin

Piano trio: Khai Yang, violin; Esmee Raghavan, 'cello; Yilin Chen, piano

SHELLS' AND THIRDS' RECITAL

Monday 21 September 2026, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 28 September 2026, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by string players from both schools.

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 5 October 2026, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 8 October 2026, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Jessica Hong, piano; Esmee Raghavan, 'cello;

Yilin Chen, piano; Rishul Marrie, voice

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 13 October 2026, 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 2 November 2026, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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





PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 3 November 2026, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

THE 'BARBER' RECITAL

Wednesday 4 November 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.

Piano Trio: Li Wan, violin; Ming Jiang, 'cello; Aidan Zhang, piano

Wind Trio: Connie Zhang, flute; Esmee Raghavan, oboe; Yilin Chen, clarinet

String Octet: Priyamavada Agarwal, violin; Khai Yang, violin; Clarice Ngo, violin;

Hilary Cheng, violin; Siyao Oi, viola; Siyuan Ou, viola; Joshua Wei, 'cello;

Aran Murugananthan, 'cello

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 9 November 2026, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 10 November 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 12 November 2026, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Connie Zhang, flute; Hilary Cheng, violin and Eunice Tam, piano; Haoyang Sun, piano; Aidan Zhang, piano

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 16 November 2026, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by guitar players from both schools.

MARGARET FAULTLESS MASTERCLASS

Tuesday 1 December 2026, 09.00 | 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.



CHRISTMAS CONCERT 1

Sunday 6 December 2026, 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 17 November 2026; on general sale from Tuesday 24 November 2026.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2

Sunday 6 December 2026, 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 17 November 2026; on general sale from Tuesday 24 November 2026.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT 3

Monday 7 December 2026, 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 17 November 2026; on general sale from Tuesday 24 November 2026.

STEINWAY JAZZ NIGHT 1

Wednesday 9 December 2026, 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 24 November 2026.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 10 December 2026, 13.10 / Ruddock Hall / Admission free.

Thom Aldred, trombone; KEHS Chamber Orchestra

KES CAROL SERVICE

Tuesday 15 December 2026, 19.30 / St Philip's Cathedral / All welcome.

A traditional Carol Service sung by KES Choir.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 21 January 2027, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Khai Yang, violin; Zechariah Leung, 'cello; Siyuan Ou, viola

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 8 February 2027, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by string players from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 11 February 2027, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Aran Murugananthan, 'cello; Siyao Ou, viola; Mandy Jin, flute

Piano Trio: Mark Bo, violin; Zechariah Leung, 'cello; Haoyang Sun, piano

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 23 February 2027, 18.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Wednesday 24 February 2027, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 25 February 2027, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Isaac Bazlov, saxophone; Krishna Ankolekar, guitar

String Quartet: Li Wan, violin; Clarice Ngo, violin;

Siyuan Ou, viola; Esmee Raghavan, 'cello

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Wednesday 10 March 2027, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

An informal concert given by guitar players from both schools.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 11 March 2027, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Mark Bo, violin; Joshua Wei, 'cello and Haoyang sun, piano; Li Wan, violin



INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Monday 15 March 2027, 17.30 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

INSTRUMENTAL EVENING

Wednesday 17 March 2027, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

SYMPHONY HALL 475 CONCERT

Monday 22 March 2027, 19.00 | Symphony Hall | Birmingham.

A concert celebrating the 475th anniversary of King Edward's School given jointly with KEHS.

Programme to include performances by the Schools' Big Bands, Guitar Orchestras, Wind Ensembles, and KES/KEHS Symphony Orchestra with our massed choirs.

Aidan Zhang gives a performance of Tchaikovsky's Piano concerto no. 1 and a new work, commissioned for the occasion, by Christopher Churcher (O. E.), will be heard for the first time.

SPRING CONCERT

Thursday 15 April 2027, 19.00 | Ruddock Hall | £10.00 adults, £5.00 conc.

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

Tickets available to parents and members of the school community on Tuesday 9 March 2027 and on general sale from Tuesday 16 March 2027.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL

Thursday 22 April 2027, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Clarice Ngo, violin; Isaac Lu, piano; Jacob Silverman, clarinet; Brendan Priest, violin

MARGARET FAULTLESS MASTERCLASS 2

Monday 14 June 2027, 09.00 | 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.



PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 15 June 2027, 18.00 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

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

PERFORMERS' PLATFORM

Tuesday 22 June 2027, 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 24 June 2027, 13.10 | Ruddock Hall | Admission free.

Michelle Zhu, piano; Ruoyi Wang, piano; Jai Lewis, violin; Rebecca Sun, piano

SUMMER JAZZ CONCERT

Sunday 27 June 2027, 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 10 June 2027; on general sale from Thursday 17 June 2027.

SYNDICATE CONCERT

Friday 2 July 2027, 19.00 | Ruddock Hall

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

STEINWAY JAZZ NIGHT 2

Monday 5 July 2027, 18.30 | 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





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. For Lunchtime Recitals, 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.

Photography

An official photographer is present for many of our performances.

We ask that there is no use of mobile phones for photography, audio or video recordings in any of our concerts.

Many thanks to David Ash and Roger Marsh for the pictures in this brochure.