

BROMSGROVE

Performing Arts Calendar

Michaelmas 2022

Welcome to Performing Arts at Bromsgrove School

Since the opening of our magnificent new Music School, Theatre and Concert Hall, we have seen a dramatic rise in the quality and the number of live performances. The very significant increase in the number of students wanting to get on stage or onto the concert platform is evidenced in the many inclusive opportunities we offer; one of our great strengths is that you don't have to study Music or Drama to take part, although our Music and Drama Scholars do put on a wonderful concert each year showing their huge variety of skills.

I strongly recommend the many House Drama and Music Competitions at all levels, as well as the three Eisteddfod Festivals for our Prep School as well as the great annual Cultures Connect Concert as genuine highlights in our Performing Arts Calendar and dates to be put into your diaries now.

Tim Norton
Director of Performing Arts

Highlights in the Michaelmas term include the St. Cecilia's Day Concert in Routh Hall and what promises to be a spectacular production of the Hampstead Murder Mystery, this year's main Senior School Play, in Cobham Theatre. An equally highly anticipated treat, and a great opportunity to see our how our dramatic talent has developed, is the Sixth Form production of Volpona. Both of these productions promise to be great in both showcasing the talent of our young actors but also demonstrating the skills of the backstage crew.

More events are planned for Lent and Summer terms – the calendar includes all future dates so take a look and see what you fancy coming along to; there truly is something for everyone, and opportunities for all to watch, listen or take part in throughout the year.

Bromsgrove Box Office

We look forward to welcoming you to music and drama events at Bromsgrove School. Tickets for our listed shows and performances can be reserved online at www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/whats-on

For information about internal (School) music and drama events, please contact the Music School and Box Office Administrators Claire Hinde and Moira Cullen by email on chinde@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or by telephone 01527 579679 ext 235/703.

For externally organised events please contact Miss Liz Swift, Events co-ordinator by email on eswift@bromsgrove-school.co.uk or by telephone 01527 579679 ext 357.

Thursday 15 September 7.00pm

Cobham Theatre

Senior Drama

Tickets from the School's Box Office

Volpona

The Upper Sixth Drama Scholars and Theatre Studies students present 'Volpona', an abridged version of a renaissance comedy by Ben Jonson. Greed, lechery and backstabbing abound as a variety of unsavoury characters queue up to be left the millions of the little old lady, Volpona, who is so ill, she must be on death's door. And yet... all might not be as it seems!

Join us for an hour of silliness, debauchery and terrible misbehaviour that is in turns shocking and shockingly comic. If ever there were a play for the age of pandemic profiteering, this is it.

Friday 30 September

Routh Concert Hall

External Event with invited pupils

English Symphony Orchestra

A morning of rehearsal with the ESO and invited Bromsgrove and Winterfold pupils together with some pupils from our feeder prep and middle schools. Rehearsals will be followed by an afternoon concert. Details on the School's Box office.



Tuesday 4 October 7.00pm

Cobham Theatre & Routh Hall

Senior Music and Drama

Tickets from the School's Box Office

Performing Arts Scholars' Evening

The Senior Drama and Music scholars present a diverse programme of short scenes, solo items and small musical ensembles. The performance will begin in the Cobham Theatre where our Drama scholars can make use of the extensive technical facilities on stage to enhance their work. We will then take an interval and performers will lead the audience to Routh Hall for refreshments and the concluding half of the evening for our outstanding musicians to take full advantage of the superb acoustics of our concert hall.



Tuesday 18 October 3.00pm

Sports Arena

Senior Music

Pupil only audience; performances on YouTube channel only

Senior School Inter-House Song Competition

Friendly inter-house rivalry has no better outlet than when every pupil in the school comes in their respective houses to compete for the coveted Inter-House Song Cup. This year's theme will be announced in the new school year.



Thursday 13 October 5.20pm

Routh Concert Hall

Prep & Senior Music

Not ticketed; performances also can be watched on the YouTube channel

Celebrating Woodwind and Brass Concert

A great celebration of instrumental music featuring a very diverse selection of Woodwind and Brass solos and group items. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for pupils to gain experience performing, helping to build confidence while developing their musicality as soloists and ensemble musicians. All are welcomed and encouraged to support.



Thursday 10 November 4.15pm

Routh Concert Hall

Prep Music

Not ticketed; performances also can be watched on the YouTube channel

Prep Concert Series; Voice & Piano

A diverse programme of vocal and piano performances from soloists, the award-winning Prep Choir and the many smaller ensembles of the Prep School. This late afternoon concert ensures our young performers are not too late home.



Thursday 17 November 5.20pm

Routh Concert Hall

Prep & Senior Music

Not ticketed; performances on YouTube channel

Celebrating Piano & Percussion Concert

A great celebration of instrumental music featuring a very diverse selection of Piano and Percussion solos and group items. These concerts are a wonderful opportunity for pupils to gain experience in performing, helping to build confidence while developing their musicality as soloists and ensemble musicians.



Thursday 1 December 2.30pm

Routh Concert Hall

Prep Music

Not ticketed; performances on YouTube channel

Year 3 Strings Presentation

Now in its ninth year, the Year 3 String Scheme has had tremendous success in introducing Year 3 pupils to the wonderful world of string instruments. Many of the pupils will have only started learning in September so this presentation will showcase what they have learned so far to an appreciative audience.



Wednesday 23 November 7.00pm

Routh Concert Hall

Senior Music

Tickets from the School's Box Office

St Cecilia's Day Concert

A concert celebrating the feast day of the patron saint of music, St Cecilia, featuring performances by our Senior music groups: Orchestra, Concert Band, Big Band, String Ensemble and Choirs. We may just help the festive season to draw a little nearer too.



Friday 2 December 7.00pm

Routh Concert Hall

Senior Music

Tickets are free but places are strictly limited, please contact Music Admin; performances on YouTube channel

Pop & Jazz Christmas

Our much-loved Pop & Jazz concert – a staple feature at the end of the Lent Term – comes to Routh Hall at Christmas time as well this year: classic standards from the world of jazz and musical theatre, featuring the big band, soloists and small ensembles, entertain in a relaxed atmosphere, with the Routh Hall arranged as a cosy jazz club. Refresh yourself with drinks and snacks from home at tables downstairs, or purchase a drink from the bar to enjoy on the balcony.



Wednesday 7 to Saturday 10 December 7.00pm

Cobham Theatre

Senior Drama

Tickets from the School's Box Office

The Hampstead Murder Mystery!

This brilliantly inventive 1920s Crime Thriller sets its tongue firmly in its cheek. Sir Horace Fewbanks, has been found dead in his Hampstead Home. Will Detective Inspector Chippenfield of Scotland Yard unravel the tangled threads of the case before he is upstaged by the suave gentleman detective, Montague Crewe or will the eavesdropping housemaid, Lily, get to the truth first? And will Gladys ever pass the jam?! With over 150 potential murder suspects, the plot gets thicker and thicker... Early booking advised.



Friday 30 September 7.30pm

Routh Concert Hall

External Event

Tickets and additional information are available from the school's box office

Brompton String Quartet

Shining a light on the work of women composers from both the past and present. Illuminate Women's Music is led by women composers in residence, including Angela Slater. Their performances generate sparkling reviews and for us a delightful programme which includes Rebecca Clarke whose work we enjoyed at our last two concerts. Interestingly, the Saariaho piece is for soprano and electronics.



Tuesday 13 December 2.30pm

Routh Concert Hall

Prep Music

Tickets are free but places are strictly limited, please contact Music Admin; performances on YouTube channel

Prep Christmas Concert

The Prep Christmas Concert is one of the many highlights of the school year. Festive performances are given by a variety of Prep ensembles and choirs. Guaranteed to bring good cheer to you this Christmas time.



Friday 15 October 7.30pm

Routh Concert Hall

External Event

Tickets and additional information are available from the school's box office

Sinfonia Stellaris

The Sinfonia Stellaris Autumn Concert 2022 includes popular works from the Classical Period and features the International Pianist, Di Xiao, who will perform Beethoven's wonderful Piano Concerto No. 4.



Friday 21 October 7.30pm

Routh Concert Hall

External Event

Tickets and additional information are available from the school's box office

Pomegranate Piano Trio

The Pomegranate Trio previously came to us in Nov 2016 when they included the Nicholas Maw trio. Their programme of French Trios is unexpectedly wide ranging. The Debussy work was written when he was a teenager while the Faure work was written by a 77 year old, almost representing a different and newer musical era.



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Concerts*

Friday 25 November 7.30pm

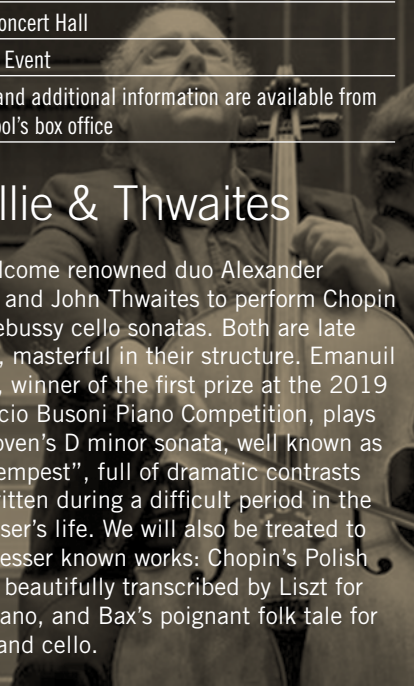
Routh Concert Hall

External Event

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Baillie & Thwaites

We welcome renowned duo Alexander Baillie and John Thwaites to perform Chopin and Debussy cello sonatas. Both are late pieces, masterful in their structure. Emanuel Ivanov, winner of the first prize at the 2019 Ferruccio Busoni Piano Competition, plays Beethoven's D minor sonata, well known as the "Tempest", full of dramatic contrasts and written during a difficult period in the composer's life. We will also be treated to some lesser known works: Chopin's Polish songs, beautifully transcribed by Liszt for solo piano, and Bax's poignant folk tale for piano and cello.



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Friday 4 November 7.30pm

Cobham Hall

External Event

Tickets and additional information are available from the school's box office

Dante Quartet

The Dante String Quartet have featured many times in our concerts including the memorable Shostakovich weekend 2018. The Venables work is an important piece which we enjoyed once before and the Beethoven late quartet remains as brilliant as ever, this time with the rarely performed Finale as a replacement for the normal Grosse Fuge.



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Friday 16 to Friday 23 December 2.00pm/7.30pm

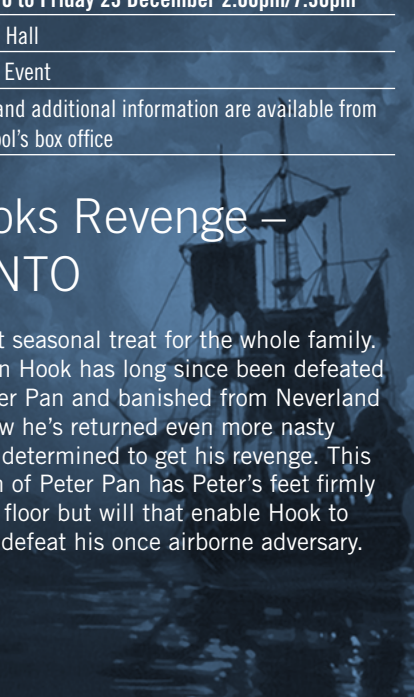
Cobham Hall

External Event

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Hooks Revenge – PANTO

A great seasonal treat for the whole family, Captain Hook has long since been defeated by Peter Pan and banished from Neverland but now he's returned even more nasty and is determined to get his revenge. This version of Peter Pan has Peter's feet firmly on the floor but will that enable Hook to finally defeat his once airborne adversary.



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What's On

SEPTEMBER

Friday 2	Senior Chapel Choir Rehearsal	3.00pm	Chapel	Senior Music
Friday 2	Senior Play - New Students Auditions	4.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Sunday 4	UVI Play - Volpona - Rehearsal	10.30am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Friday 9	Senior School Chapel Service	3.00pm	Chapel	Chapel Service
Saturday 10	Pre-1960s Leavers' Reunion	10.00am	Memorial Chapel	Old Bromsgrovians
Monday 12	UVI Play - Volpona Technical Rehearsal	5.15pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Wednesday 14	UVI Play - Volpona Dress Rehearsal	5.15pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 15	Bach 48 Piano Masterclass & Concert	1.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Thursday 15	UVI Play - Volpona Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Sunday 25	Senior Play Rehearsal	10.00am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Tuesday 27	Harvest Service LVI & UVI	8.20am	Chapel	Chapel Service
Wednesday 28	Prep Harvest Service	8.40am	Chapel	Chapel Service
Thursday 29	Harvest Service LIV, UIV, Vth	8.20am	Chapel	Chapel Service
Friday 30	Orchestral Day with ESO	9.00am	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Friday 30	Brompton String Quartet	7.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	External Event

OCTOBER

Sunday 2	Senior Play Rehearsal	10.00am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Monday 3	Drama Scholars' Performance Final Rehearsal	6.00pm - 8.30pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Tuesday 4	Music & Drama Scholars' Performance	7.00pm	Cobham & Routh	Senior Drama
Sunday 9	Senior Play Rehearsal	10.00am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 13	Celebrating Woodwind & Brass Concert	5.20pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Saturday 15	Sinfonia Stellaris	7.30PM	Routh Concert Hall	External Event
Sunday 16	Senior Play Rehearsal	10.00am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Monday 17	House Song set-up		Arena	Senior Music
Tuesday 18	Unison Inter-House Song Competition	3.00pm	Arena	Senior Music
Wednesday 19	Senior Play Rehearsal	6.00pm - 9.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 20	Senior Play Run Through	4.00pm - 6.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Friday 21	Pomegranate Piano Trio	7.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	External Event

NOVEMBER

Friday 4	Dante Quartet	7.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	External Event
Wednesday 9	Prep Remembrance Service	8.20am	Chapel	Chapel Service
Thursday 10	Prep Concert Series; Voice & Piano	4.15pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Saturday 12	Senior Play Rehearsal	9.30am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Sunday 13	Senior School Remembrance Service	10.00am	Chapel	Chapel Service

Thursday 17	Celebrating Piano & Percussion Concert	5.20pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Sunday 20	Senior Play Rehearsal	10.00am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Wednesday 23	St Cecilia's Concert	7.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Friday 25	Baillie & Thwaites	7.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	External Event
Saturday 26	Senior Play Rehearsal	10.00am	Cobham	Senior Drama
Sunday 27	Advent Service	5.30pm	Chapel	Chapel Service

DECEMBER

Thursday 1	Year 3 Strings Concert	2.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Thursday 1	Senior Play Lighting Plot Begins	4.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Friday 2	Pop & Jazz Christmas Concert	7.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Saturday 3	Senior Play Technical Rehearsal	10.00am - 5.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Sunday 4	Senior Play Technical Rehearsal	10.00am - 5.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Monday 5	Senior Play Dress Rehearsal	2.00pm - 8.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Wednesday 7	The Hampstead Murder Mystery Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 8	The Hampstead Murder Mystery Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Friday 9	The Hampstead Murder Mystery Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Saturday 10	The Hampstead Murder Mystery Final Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Monday 12	Prep Christmas Rehearsals	9.00am	Routh Concert Hall	Chapel Service
Tuesday 13	Prep Christmas Concert	2.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Wednesday	Years 3 & 4 Carol Service	2.15pm	Chapel	Chapel Service
Thursday 15	Senior Boarders Carol Service	7.00pm	Chapel	Chapel Service
Friday 16	Years 5 to 8 Carol Service	12.00pm	Chapel	Chapel Service
Friday 16	Senior Day Pupils' Carol Service	2.00pm	Chapel	Chapel Service
Friday 16 - 23	Panto – Hook's Revenge	Matinee & evening	Cobham Theatre	External Event

2023

JANUARY

Tuesday 10	Fourth Form House Drama Rehearsals Begin	12.50pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Monday 16 - Friday 27	Individual Drama and Music Scholarship Auditions Begin	Individual Appointments	Cobham Theatre & Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music & Drama
Tuesday 17	Year 5 Wind & Brass Concert	4.15pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Friday 20	A Level Music Recital	7.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Monday 23	Fourth Form House Drama Technical Rehearsals Begin	12.50pm - 5.15pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama

Monday 23	House Music Solo Auditions	12.50pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Tuesday 24	House Music Solo Auditions	12.50pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Wednesday 25	House Music Solo Auditions	12.50pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Thursday 26	House Music Solo Auditions	12.50pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Thursday	Prep Concert Series; Strings & Guitar	4.15pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Friday 27	House Music Solo Audition	12.50pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Friday 27	Fourth Form House Drama - Individual Technical Rehearsal	12.50pm - 4.50pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Saturday 27	Year 7 & 8 Play Rehearsal	9.30am	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Tuesday 31	Fourth Form House Drama - Final Technical Rehearsal - All Houses	5.15pm - 8.15pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama

FEBRUARY

Thursday 2	Senior School Eucharist	8.50am	Chapel	Chapel Service
Thursday 2	Fourth Form House Drama - Dress Rehearsal	4.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 2	Fourth Form House Drama Competition	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Saturday 4	Year 7 & 8 Play Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Rehearsal	9.30am	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Tuesday 7	Senior House Music Ensembles Rehearsals	4.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Thursday 9	Senior House Music Solo Rehearsals	12.50pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Thursday 9	Senior House Music Solo Rehearsals	4.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Friday 10	Senior House Music Ensembles Competition	4.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Friday 10	Senior House Music Solo Competition	7.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Saturday 11	Year 7 & 8 Play Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Technical Rehearsal	9.30am	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Monday 13	Year 7 & 8 Play Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Technical Rehearsal & Dress Rehearsals	9.00am	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Tuesday 14	Year 7 & 8 Play Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Wednesday 15	Year 7 & 8 Play Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Thursday 16	Year 7 & 8 Play Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama

MARCH

Wednesday 8	Evensong	4.10pm	Chapel	Chapel Service
Tuesday 9	Year 3 - 4 Eisteddfod	9.00am	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Tuesday 9	Year 5 - 6 Eisteddfod	11.00am	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Tuesday 9	Year 7 - 8 Eisteddfod	4.15pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Tuesday 14	Senior House Drama - Individual Technical Rehearsals	5.00pm - 8.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama

Wednesday 15	Senior House Drama - Individual Technical Rehearsals	5.00pm - 8.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 16	Celebrating Strings Concert	5.20pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Monday 20	Senior House Drama - Individual Technical Rehearsals	4.00pm - 8.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Tuesday 21	Prep Concert Series; Woodwind & Brass	4.15pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Tuesday 21	Senior House Drama Final Technical Rehearsal - All Houses	4.00pm - 8.30pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 23	Senior House Drama Dress Rehearsal	4.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 23	Senior House Drama Competition	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Tuesday 28	Pop & Jazz Concert	7.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Wednesday 29	Year 2 Play	9.15am	Cobham Theatre	Pre-Prep Drama
Wednesday 29	Year 4 Play Dress Rehearsal	2.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Thursday 30	Year 4 Play	3.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama

APRIL

Sunday 30	Choral Concert	4.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
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Thursday 4	Celebrating Ensembles Concert	5.20pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Saturday 6	Fourth Form Play Technical Rehearsals	9.00am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Sunday 7	Fourth Form Play Technical Rehearsal	9.00am	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Monday 8	Fourth Form Play Dress Rehearsals	2.00pm - 8.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Wednesday 10	Fourth Form Play Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Thursday 11	Fourth Form Play Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Senior Drama
Saturday 13	Year 6 Play Rehearsal	9.30am	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Saturday 20	Year 6 Play Rehearsal	9.30am	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Monday 22	Year 6 Play Technical and Dress Rehearsal	9.00am	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Tuesday 23	Year 6 Play Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama
Wednesday 24	Fourth Form Concert	7.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music
Thursday 25	Year 6 Play Performance	7.00pm	Cobham Theatre	Prep Drama

JUNE

Thursday 8	Prep Concert Series; Drums & Percussion	4.15pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Tuesday 13	Years 3 & 5 Orchestral Extravaganza Rehearsals	All Day	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Tuesday 13	Years 3 & 5 Orchestral Extravaganza	2.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Tuesday 20	Prep Summer Concert Rehearsals	2.30pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Thursday 22	Prep Summer Concert	2.15pm	Routh Concert Hall	Prep Music
Wednesday 28	UVI Leavers Concert	7.00pm	Routh Concert Hall	Senior Music



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