



# King Edward VI College

## Stourbridge

Principal: Remley Mann BA, MA

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are looking forward to getting started on the new A Level Music course this year and I hope you don't mind me writing to give you some important dates and other information.

Over the two years we will be studying four works in particular detail and the students will be provided with blank scores in the exam. In the meantime, they need copies of these pieces that they can annotate them and it is very important it is the same edition as the one they will use in the exam or it will be very confusing. We therefore ask that all students buy these scores from us – you can buy them yourself if you wish but we can generally get a better price overall. The cost of the scores will be approximately £42.00 and needs to be paid by ParentMail to registry by Friday 14th of September. If the cost of this really is a problem, please contact me and I will do my best to help. I would also recommend the Rhinegold Eduqas AS and A Level Music Study Guide available on Amazon for £19.95. This guide is not compulsory but it is useful to have all this information collected together in one volume.

It is really important that students have regular (i.e. weekly) lessons on their main instrument or voice (performance can account for more than a third of the marks). We are happy for students to continue with their current teacher, but we do offer tuition here for the very heavily discounted rate of £50 per year. Please contact me if you want further details.

It would be great if you could support our various concerts over the year, the dates of which you will find on the back of this letter. Please make sure these dates go in your diary so that you do not commit to other things – attendance at the concerts is compulsory for all music students.

Finally, we try to take students to a variety of external concerts throughout the year – see overleaf for a list. There will be three at the CBSO and also a trip to see a musical in London (yet to be arranged). You will be invited to book for these trips on ParentMail in the near future.

If you would like to see this information online, it is available at [www.alevelmusic.com](http://www.alevelmusic.com) (click on Calendar and musical activities)

I look forward to meeting you at the various events across the year.

Yours sincerely,

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### Concerts in 2018/19

Wednesday 14th November – Autumn Concert at 7.30 in Main Hall ALL

Thursday 13th December – Carol Service at 7.30 in St Mary's Church CHOIRS and STRING ORCHESTRA

Wednesday 13th February – Year 13 Solo Concert in College Year 13 Music Students only

Tuesday 19th March – Concert at 7.30 in Stourbridge Town Hall ALL

Wednesday 8th May – Summer Concert at 7.30 in Main Hall ALL

Saturday 11th May – Lunchtime Concert in Hagley Festival (chamber groups, chamber choir and soloists by invitation)

### Concert trips

Wednesday 10th October, 7.30– CBSO in Birmingham
Thursday 7th February, 7.30– CBSO in Birmingham
Wednesday 10th April, 7.30– CBSO in Birmingham
Theatre trip in new year to be confirmed