

# Berkshire Choral Academy 2017/18

		BYV/BCC	ВУС	Notes
September	9	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	16	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	30	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
October	7	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	15	No BCC or BYV	REHEARSAL DAY	BYC rehearsal day at SC (Time TBC)
November	4	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	11	Voice and Piano Competition	Voice and Piano Competition	All music centres (Apply through Website)
	18	No BCC or BYV	Carols Rehearsal	BYC session to learn carols (Time TBC)
	19	County Choirs Concert	County Choirs Concert	
December	12	No BCC or BYV	BBC Radio Berkshire Carol Concert	Reading Minster Church (Time TBC)
January	6	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	13	Voice and Piano Competition	Voice and Piano Competition	Semi-Final at the OLC
	20	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
February	3	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	24	2.30pm- 4.30pm	2.00pm- 4.30pm	BCC & BYV Normal Rehearsal BYC & Alumni Weekend (Time & Venue TBC)
	25	No BCC or BYV	10.00am– 5.00pm	BYC & Alumni Weekend (Time & Venue TBC)
March	10	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	11	BCC & BYV Concert Voice and Piano Competition	No BYC  Voice and Piano Competition	BCC & BYV Perform at Voice and Piano Competition Final
	17	No BCC or BYV	BYC & Alumni Concert	BYC & Alumni Concert with Camerata
April	28	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
May	12	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
	19	2.30pm- 4.30pm	5.00pm—7.30pm	
June	9	2.30pm- 4.30pm	No BYC	Auditions
	23	2.30pm- 4.30pm	No BYC	Auditions
(Tuesday)	26	No BCC or BYV	6.30pm- 8.30pm	Tour rehearsal
	30	No BCC or BYV	10.00am- 5.00pm	BYC rehearsal day
July (Tuesday)	3	No BCC or BYV	6.30pm- 8.30pm	Tour rehearsal
(Thursday)	12	No BCC or BYV	6.30pm- 8.30pm	Tour rehearsal
	15	County Choirs Concert	County Choirs Concert	
	20	No BCC & BYV	Tour	Tour
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## **Expectations**

In order to achieve and sustain high standards of performance, an exceptionally high level of commitment is required. Below is a list of expectations that we expect from pupils and, in return, what you can expect from the conductor or director. Any choir will only be as good as its' committed members.

#### What we expect from the Pupils

#### Pupils will:

- Attend all rehearsals and concerts
- Request permission in good time from the relevant Musical Director should you need to miss a rehearsal by emailing voice@berkshiremaestros.org.uk
- Practise the music regularly between rehearsals
- Be punctual for all rehearsals and concerts
- Be well prepared for all rehearsals and concerts having all relevant equipment as outlined below

#### What you can expect from the Conductor/Director

The conductor or director will:

- Thoroughly plan all rehearsals in advance
- Prepare and have music ready in advance of each rehearsal
- Possess conducting skills and pass on musical knowledge of the highest possible level
- Organise performance opportunities of the highest calibre
- Conduct rehearsals in a professional manner, starting promptly and on time

#### **Dress Code for all concerts and performances:**

#### **BYC**

- Men DJ's
- Ladies uniform concert dress

#### BYV

- White Short Sleeve Shirt
- Smart Black Trousers (no Jeans)
- Purple Uniform Tie (available to purchase at rehearsal)
- Black socks and shoes

#### **BCC**

- White Short Sleeve Shirt
- Smart Black Trousers (no Jeans)
- Black socks and shoes

#### **Equipment**

All pupils must have the following for each rehearsal and performance:

- Correct performance dress (not required for rehearsals)
- All music that has been provided by conductor/director
- Two Pencils
- County Choirs official music folder (available to purchase for £7)

### **Contact Details**

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