

Cambridge Choral Academy

DRAFT Schedule

26 July - 1 August 2026

Individual singing lessons will be on a rota posted in the Chapel and will take place in the Music Room. Please excuse yourself discreetly from rehearsals to attend.

Colour coding:

We offer a full programme of activities, which we hope represents excellent value for money. However, mindful that some folk prefer more breathing space, some activities are marked optional:

Amber = optional but high value

Green = optional

Sunday 26 July

Time	Activity	Place
1400	Rooms available	St Catharine's College
1500-1600	Welcome drinks – meet your tutors and fellow singers over a glass of sparkling wine, sign up for your singing lesson	Ramsden Room
1600-1800	Rehearsal	St Catharine's College Chapel
1800-1900	Supper	St Catharine's College dining hall
1900-2015	Rehearsal	St Catharine's College Chapel
2030	Compline with Edward Wickham Psalm 75 (plainchant) Rheinberger: Abendlied	St Catharine's College Chapel
2100	'Desert Island Discs' (sharing our favourite choral works)	St Catharine's College Chapel
2130	Drinks in the Chapel - or bedtime!	Antechapel

Monday 27 July

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0900	Breakfast	St Catharine's Dining Hall
0900-0940	Notices Vocal health session/warm-up with Helen Groves	St Catharine's Chapel
0945-1045	Choral Rehearsal (EW)	St Catharine's Chapel
1045-1115	Break/Coffee	Garden Room & bar
1115-1200	Choral Improvisation with Dr Simon Jackson	St Catharine's Chapel
1200-1300	Behind the Music: Cutting-Edge Research on Purcell (unveiling a newly surfaced work!) with Alan Howard	St Catharine's Chapel
1300-1400	Lunch (served 12-13.30)	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1400-1530	Free time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Cambridge 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recommended museum: Fitzwilliam Museum of Art, open 12-5pm Rest and relaxation Notebashing with Organ Scholar 3-3.45pm in the chapel Try out some repertoire with your small group 	
1530-1645	Evensong rehearsal with Dr Simon Jackson	Peterhouse Chapel
1700-1745	Evensong with Dr Simon Jackson Reading Responses Psalm 28 (Parish Psalter) Wise in E flat Purcell: Rejoice in the Lord always Hymn Just as I am (REH 385) Straight to supper after processing out	Peterhouse Chapel
1800-1900	Supper (served 6-7pm)	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1900-2000	Madrigal singing in 3 groups	Chapel, Music Room, Edward's Rm A2
2000 - 2100	Cheese and Wine Tasting with the College Wine Steward	St Catharine's Dining Hall
2100	Drinks in Bar or bedtime!	

Tuesday 28 July

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0900	Breakfast	Dining Hall
0900-1045	Notices Warm-up (EW) & vocal health with HG	St Catharine's Chapel
1045-1115	Break/Coffee	Garden Room/bar
1115-1145	Small groups: madrigals	Chapel, Music Room, Edward's Rm A2
1200-1300	Directing workshop with Sarah MacDonald on Abendlied	St Catharine's Chapel
1300-1415	Punting picnic with madrigals	Scudamore's Punts Walking bus departs 1300 at Porters' Lodge
1415-1600	Free time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rounders on the backs Suggested activity: visit to the Botanic Garden. Rest and relaxation Notebashing with OS 3-3.45pm in the Chapel Try out some repertoire with your small group 	
1600-1800	Rehearsal with Edward Wickham	St Catharine's Chapel
1800 - 1900	Supper (served 6-7pm)	St Catharine's College
1930-2030	Choral Compline with Edward Wickham Psalm 33.1-11 (plainchant) Brahms: Geistliches Lied	St Catharine's Chapel
2145	Small groups (optional)	Catz Chapel, Music Room, A2

Wednesday 29 July

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0900	Breakfast	Dining Hall

0900-0940	Notices Warm up (EW)	St Catharine's Chapel
0945-1045	Choral Rehearsal (EW)	St Catharine's Chapel
1045-1115	Break/Coffee	Garden Room/bar
1115-1200	Choral Rehearsal (EW)	Chapel, Music Room, Edward's Rm A2
1200-1300	Singing from partbooks with EW	St Catharine's College Chapel
1300-1400	Lunch (served 12 - 13.30) Tutors meeting	Dining Hall
1400-1545	Free time: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore Cambridge • Notebashing with OS 3-3.40pm in the Chapel • Suggested Museum: University Museum of Zoology • Rest and relaxation • Try out some repertoire with your small group 	Join the Walking Bus from Catz Porters' Lodge at 1545
1600-1730	Rehearsal for Evensong with Louisa Denby	Downing Chapel
1800-1845	Evensong with Louisa Denby Reading Responses Psalm 119.33-40 (Parish Psalter) Daniel Purcell in E minor Purcell: Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei Hymn Fight the good fight (REH 464)	Downing Chapel
1845-1900	Walk to Emmanuel College - explore gardens	Emmanuel College
1900-2130	Drinks Formal Dinner	Emmanuel College
2130	Drinks and singing (optional)	Catz Chapel

Thursday 30 July

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0900	Breakfast	Dining Hall
0900-0940	Notices Warm up (EW) with Helen Groves	St Catharine's Chapel
0940-1045	Choral Rehearsal (EW)	St Catharine's Chapel
1045-1115	Coffee break	SCR
1115-1200	Small groups work: Matthew Gouldstone	A2, Chapel, Music Room
1200-1300	Small groups masterclass: Ensemble Singing with Smaller Forces with Matthew Gouldstone	Catz Chapel
1300-1400	Lunch (served 12-13.30)	Dining Hall
1400-1530	Visit to the Peterhouse Partbooks manuscripts	Walking bus 2pm Catz Porters' Lodge
1530-1700	Free time <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1530-1630 Rounders on The Backs (optional) • Notebashing with OS 4.30-5pm in the Chapel • Suggested museum to visit: Sedgwick Museum of Geology, open 2-5pm • Rest and relaxation 	Queen's College Backs
1700-1815	Small groups rehearsal for the Sharing OR Compline rehearsal	St Catharine's College Chapel

1815-1915	Supper (served 6-7pm)	St Catharine's college Dining Hall
1915-1930	Walking bus to Corpus Christi	Porters' Lodge
1930-2115	Rehearsal with Nicholas Danks	Corpus Christi Chapel
2115-2155	Full Compline with Nicholas Danks Bruckner: Tota pulchra es Psalm 39 (plainchant) Bairstow: Save us, O Lord Edward Elgar: The Spirit of the Lord	Corpus Christi Chapel
2200-2230	The Sharing: an informal small groups concert; bring your group party pieces!	Corpus Christi College Chapel

Friday 31 July

Time	Activity	Place
0800-0900	Breakfast	Dining Hall
0900-0940	Notices Vocal health session with Helen Groves	Chapel
0940-1045	Choral Rehearsal	Chapel
1045-1115	Break/Coffee	Garden Room/bar
1115-1230	Concert Rehearsal	Chapel
1230-1330	Lunch (served 12-13.30) Tutors' meeting	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1330-1500	FREE TIME	
1500-1615	Concert Rehearsal	St Catharine's College Chapel
1615-1645	Tea break	SCR
1645-1815	Final run-through with Edward Wickham	St Catharine's College Chapel
1815-1915	Supper (served 6-7pm) - friends and family welcome to book via Samantha	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
1915-1945	Rest and change for concert	
2000-2100	Gala Concert Dir: Edward Wickham	St Catharine's College Chapel
2130-2300	It's a Wrap! Party - bring your party piece!	Ramsden Room

Saturday 1st August

Time	Activity	Place
0830-0930	Breakfast	St Catharine's College Dining Hall
0930-1000	Check out by 10am - luggage room Ramsden Room	
1000-1130	Final notices Bangin' anthems and best hymns	St Catharine's College Chapel
1200	END	