

RIAM

Royal Irish
Academy of Music



Junior Academy

Academic Calendar 2025/26

Full Year Planner (chronological)

2025

September

8 th	Monday	Academic Year 2025/26 commences
15/16 th	Mon / Tues	JRIAMSO (Symphony Orchestra) auditions
20 th	Saturday	JRIAM Performing Groups (PG) 1 st rehearsal

October

4 th	Saturday	JRIAMSymphony Orchestra (SO) 1 st rehearsal
19 th	Sunday	Aural Skills Musicianship Day (1)
25 th	Saturday	No PG rehearsals
27 th	Monday	Bank Holiday - RIAM closed
31 st	Friday	Closing date for competitions: <i>Junior Solo Competition (all faculties)</i> <i>Ursula Uí Chuinneagain Bursary (Piano)</i> <i>Dr. Marie McCormack Competition (WBP)</i>

November

1 st	Saturday	No PG rehearsals
23 rd	Sunday	Platform Concerts
24 th	Monday	Junior Solo Competition - Preliminary
28 th	Friday	Junior Solo Competition - Final
29 th	Saturday	No PG rehearsals

December

2 nd	Tuesday	Dr. Marie McCormack Competition - Preliminary
7 th	Sunday	Chamber Music Day (1)
10 th	Wednesday	Dr. Marie McCormack Competition - Final
16 th	Tuesday	Ursula Uí Chuinneagain Bursary - Prelim. & Final
17/18 th	Wed / Thur	JRIAMSO Christmas Concerts in RIAM
21 st	Sunday	PG Christmas Concerts in RIAM
23 rd	Tuesday	RIAM closed for holidays

2026

January

5 th	Monday	RIAM reopens Closing date for PianoFest
18 th	Sunday	Platform Concerts Junior RIAM Open Day
30 th	Friday	Closing date for John Pollard Competition (Strings)
31 st	Saturday	No PG rehearsals

February

2 nd	Monday	Bank Holiday - RIAM closed
6 th	Friday	Closing date for Individual Tuition applications
8 th	Sunday	Aural Skills Musicianship Day (2)
14 th	Saturday	No PG rehearsals
15 th	Sunday	Platform Concerts
16 th -20 th	Mon - Fri	RIAM PianoFest
21 st	Saturday	No PG rehearsals

March

1 st	Sunday	Platform Concerts Early Years Open Day
2 nd	Monday	John Pollard Competition - Preliminary
4 th	Wednesday	John Pollard Competition - Final
6 th	Friday	Closing date for returning JRIAM student deposits
17 th	Tuesday	Bank Holiday - RIAM closed
28 th /29 th	Sat / Sun	JRIAMSO / PG Gala Concerts in RIAM

April

3 rd -6 th	Fri - Mon	RIAM closed for Easter (No PG rehearsals)
11 th	Saturday	No PG rehearsals
12 th	Sunday	Platform Concerts Chamber Music Day (2)
19 th -25 th	Sun - Sat	Practical Assessments Feedback week
26 th	Sunday	Musicianship Assessments

May

4 th	Monday	Bank Holiday - RIAM closed
10 th	Sunday	Platform Concerts YAP Chamber Music Concert
15 th	Friday	Closing date for Early Years applications
24 th	Sunday	PG Finale Concerts in RIAM

June

1 st	Monday	Bank Holiday - RIAM closed
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July

17 th	Friday	RIAM closed for summer holidays
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Programme Planner

Platform Concerts [Apply here](#) | [Contact us](#)

23 rd	November	Sunday	2025		VS
18 th	January	Sunday	2026	(Junior RIAM Open Day)	VS
15 th	February	Sunday	2026		VS
1 st	March	Sunday	2026	(Early Years Open Day)	VS
12 th	April	Sunday	2026	(Chamber Music Day)	VS
10 th	May	Sunday	2026		VS

Performing Group Concerts [Booking information](#) | [Contact us](#)

17/18 th	December	Wed / Thur	2025	JRIAMSO Concerts	WRH
21 st	December	Sunday	2025	PG Christmas Concerts	WRH
28 th	March	Saturday	2026	JRIAMSO Concert	WRH
29 th	March	Sunday	2026	PG Gala Concerts	WRH
24 th	May	Sunday	2026	PG Finale Concerts	WRH

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24 th	November	Monday	2025	Junior Solo Preliminary	-
28 th	November	Friday	2025	Junior Solo Final	WRH
2 nd	December	Tuesday	2025	Dr. Marie McCormack Preliminary	-
10 th	December	Wednesday	2025	Dr. Marie McCormack Final	WRH
16 th	December	Tuesday	2025	Uí Chuinneagain Prelim. & Final	OR
16 th -20 th	February	Mon - Fri	2026	PianoFest	-
2 nd	March	Monday	2026	John Pollard Preliminary	-
4 th	March	Wednesday	2026	John Pollard Final	WRH

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19 th	October	Sunday	2025	Aural Skills Musicianship Day (1)	-
7 th	December	Sunday	2025	Chamber Music Day (1)	-
8 th	February	Sunday	2026	Aural Skills Musicianship Day (2)	-
12 th	April	Sunday	2026	Chamber Music Day (2)	-
19 th -25 th	April	Sun - Sat	2026	Practical Assessments	-
26 th	April	Sunday	2026	Musicianship Assessments	-
10 th	May	Sunday	2026	YAP Chamber Music Concert	-

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20 th , 27 th	September	Saturday	2025	Rehearsals	VS
4 th , 11 th , 18 th	October	Saturday	2025	Rehearsals	VS
8 th , 15 th , 22 nd	November	Saturday	2025	Rehearsals	VS
6 th , 13 th , 20 th	December	Saturday	2025	Rehearsals	VS
21 st	December	Sunday	2025	PG Christmas Concerts	WRH

10 th , 17 th , 24 th	January	Saturday	2026	Rehearsals	VS
7 th , 28 th	February	Saturday	2026	Rehearsals	VS
7 th , 21 st , 28 th	March	Saturday	2026	Rehearsals	VS
29 th	March	Sunday	2026	PG Gala Concerts	WRH
18 th , 25 th	April	Saturday	2026	Rehearsals	VS
9 th , 16 th , 23 rd	May	Saturday	2026	Rehearsals	VS
24 th	May	Sunday	2026	PG Finale Concerts	WRH

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4 th , 11 th , 18 th	October	Saturday	2025	Rehearsal	WRH
8 th , 15 th , 22 nd	November	Saturday	2025	Rehearsal	WRH
6 th , 13 th	December	Saturday	2025	Rehearsal	WRH
17 th , 18 th	December	Wed / Thur	2025	JRIAMSO Concerts	WRH

17 th , 24 th	January	Saturday	2026	Rehearsal	WRH
7 th , 28 th	February	Saturday	2026	Rehearsal	WRH
7 th , 21 st	March	Saturday	2026	Rehearsal	WRH
28 th	March	Saturday	2026	JRIAMSO Concert	WRH

- **** : Junior & Senior Wind Ensembles, Junior & Divertimenti Strings
(Choirs / Brass / Guitar / Recorder ensembles will be communicated to by their directors)
VS : Vernon Studio, RIAM
WRH : Whyte Recital Hall, RIAM
OR : Organ Room, RIAM
- : Various venues in RIAM, to be confirmed

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