



ASHFORD SCHOOL ARTSFEST

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MR. ASHLEY CURRIE, HEADMASTER

Welcome to ArtsFest26, our two week end-of-year creative showcase, bringing together the very best of art, drama, dance and music from across our School community.

I am delighted to be concluding my first year as Headmaster of Ashford School by introducing this outstanding programme of events, which helps to draw the Summer Term to a close.

As this is our fourth ArtsFest, it is especially pleasing to see both the Prep and Senior Schools come together in such a vibrant celebration of creativity.

Offering so many varied events over a short period of time is a considerable undertaking, and I am immensely grateful to the pupils and staff whose enthusiasm, talent and hard work will be on display throughout the festival.

Whether you are taking part or enjoying the performances and exhibitions as a member of the audience, there is something here for everyone. I hope you will immerse yourself in the experience and join me in celebrating the imagination, energy and achievement that define ArtsFest26.



ARTSFEST26 EVENTS: WEEK ONE

GENRE	DATE	EVENT	TIME
ART	15 June 2026	Tapped In: End of Year Show, featuring Year 7 Photography Exhibition East Hill Gallery Free	4pm
DRAMA	15 June 2026	Year 7-9 Collected Works Octagon 1 Free	6pm
MUSIC	16 June 2026	Senior School Summer Concert Brake Hall Free	7pm
MUSIC	17 June 2026	ASHBASH! A Battle of the Bands Brake Hall Free	4.40pm
ART	17 June 2026	Cyanotype Workshop Somerville Lawn £20	5pm
DRAMA	18 June 2026	Mary Poppins Friars Hall Free	6pm
MUSIC	19 June 2026	Steinway Hub Workshop (Pupils only) Brake Hall Free	1pm
DRAMA	19 June 2026	Ten Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse Brake Hall Free	6pm
DRAMA	19 June 2026	Mary Poppins Friars Hall Free	6pm
MUSIC	20 June 2026	Steinway Piano Festival Brake Hall Various prices	9.30am
MUSIC	20 June 2026	Steinway Piano Festival Grand Final Brake Hall £5	2pm

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ARTSFEST26 EVENTS: WEEK TWO

GENRE	DATE	EVENT	TIME
ART	22 June 2026	Guardians of the Wild, Prep Art Exhibition Ashford Prep School Free	All day
MUSIC	22 June 2026	Ashtonbury Ashford Senior School Free	5pm
ART	23 June 2026	Guardians of the Wild, Prep Art Exhibition Ashford Prep School Free	All day
ART	23 June 2026	Tapped In Prep Workshop (Pupils only) Ashford Prep School	All day
MUSIC	23 June 2026	Paul Phoenix workshop and Q&A (Pupils only) Octagon 2 Free	11.30am
DRAMA	23 June 2026	Songs for a New World Brake Hall Free	6pm
MUSIC	24 June 2026	Come and Play Brake Hall Free	All day
MUSIC	25 June 2026	Pre-Prep Concert Harper Hall Free	2.15pm
MUSIC	26 June 2026	Pre-Prep Concert Harper Hall Free	9.15am
ART	26 June 2026	Senior Art Exhibition The Atrium Free	4.30pm
DRAMA	26 June 2026	Metamorphosis, One School Variety Evening Brake Hall £6	6.30pm
ALUMNI	27 June 2026	ASA Midsummer Mingle Somerville Lawn Various prices	12.30pm



ARTSFEST26: ART



TAPPED IN: END OF YEAR SHOW

Artists in residence, Team Tapped In, opened their successful show, 'A Place at the Table', at Ashford Cinema in April and now they exhibit their end of year show featuring a range of previously unseen work at our new East Hill Gallery, including a Year 7 photography exhibition.

MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026, 4PM, EAST HILL GALLERY, FREE

CYANOTYPE WORKSHOP

Our annual creative workshop is this year led by our outstanding artists in residence Team Tapped In. In this Cyanotype workshop, guests will produce their own printed tote bags, designing collages from foraged foliage and everyday objects.

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026, 5PM, SOMERVILLE LAWN, £21.68

GUARDIANS OF THE WILD, ASHFORD PREP SCHOOL EXHIBITION

Ashford Prep School welcomes you to their 2026 exhibition featuring work from several year groups from across the academic year.

TUESDAY 22 AND WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE 2026, ASHFORD PREP SCHOOL, FREE



TAPPED IN PREP WORKSHOP (PUPILS ONLY)

Senior School Artists in Residence and professional artists, team Tapped In visit the Prep School to run a workshop for pupils.

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026, ASHFORD PREP SCHOOL, FREE

SENIOR ART EXHIBITION

We are delighted to welcome visitors to an inspiring exhibition of the finest creative artwork by our GCSE and A level Art and Photography students. Pieces on display cover many disciplines including painting and drawing, photography, 3D design, textiles, film, sculpture, printmaking and graphic communication.

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026, ASHFORD PREP SCHOOL, FREE

ART



ARTSFEST26: DRAMA



YEAR 7-9 COLLECTED WORKS

An evening of short devised and scripted pieces demonstrating the breadth of talent in the lower and middle schools. Performances come from classwork completed across the three terms.

MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026, 6PM, OCTAGON 1, 6PM, FREE

MARY POPPINS, ASHFORD PREP SCHOOL

Ashford Prep School's Year 6 students mark the end of their time at the School by performing Mary Poppins, a show which has been professionally performed since it was adapted for the stage by Cameron Mackintosh in 2004. The cast have been working hard to bring this show to life and concludes the first week of this year's festival.

THURSDAY 18 AND FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026, 6PM, FRIARS HALL, FREE

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Year 7-9 invite you to the Don Zolidis' play, 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse, which is a comedic play that humorously guides a group of survivors through ten outrageous methods to survive a zombie outbreak.

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026, 6PM, BRAKE HALL, FREE



SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD, YEARS 10-13

Fresh from completing Sister Act earlier this year, the senior students are pleased to offer Songs for a New World as their musical offering for ArtsFest26. Songs for a New World is a work of musical theatre written and composed by Jason Robert Brown. The show lies between musical and song cycle, but it is neither; it is an abstract musical, a series of songs all connected by a theme: "the moment of decision."

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026, 6PM, BRAKE HALL, FREE

ONE SCHOOL VARIETY EVENING, METAMORPHOSIS

The epic finale to the 2026 festival. Codirected by Mrs Heath and Mr Andrews, this Prep and Senior collaboration will showcase the very best of Ashford School performing arts. Before the show, please visit the three art exhibitions which are open on site. The Ashford School PFA will be running a bar serving a range of drinks and light refreshments, raising money for School projects.

FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026, 6.30PM, BRAKE HALL, £6
PLEASE NOTE THAT TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO THREE GUESTS PER PUPIL



ARTSFEST26: MUSIC



SENIOR SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT

The annual summer concert which includes a finale performance from the Year 7 instrumental scheme.

TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2026, 7PM, BRAKE HALL, FREE

ASHBASH! A BATTLE OF THE BANDS

AshBash returns! Student bands pit themselves against each other in a bid to be crowned champions!

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE, 4.40PM, BRAKE HALL, FREE

STEINWAY HUB WORKSHOP (PUPILS ONLY)

In partnership with Steinway & Sons, Ashford School will become a Steinway Pop Up Hub through the afternoon of Friday June 19th offering local young pianists a free Masterclass with Steinway Artist Andrew Zolinsky.

FRIDAY 19 JUNE 2026, 1PM, BRAKE HALL, FREE

STEINWAY PIANO FESTIVAL

The very best instruments push students to new levels of success. In 2013 we became an all Steinway School, and in 2023 we took delivery of our latest set of Steinway pianos. Our annual festival returns for a fourth year, featuring workshops and performances in the morning, followed by a grand final concert in the afternoon.

SATURDAY 20 JUNE 2026, 9.30AM, BRAKE HALL, VARIOUS

STEINWAY PIANO FESTIVAL GRAND FINAL

Join us for the Grand Final of the Ashford School Arts Fest Piano Festival. Please note that any child who participated in any class earlier in the day is granted free entry to the Grand Final concert included in their class ticket price.

SATURDAY 20 JUNE, 2PM, BRAKE HALL, £5



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ASHTONBURY

Songs for a Summer's Evening is growing. This year we present Ashtonbury, with the usual high level vocal performances, but also live music including acoustic and band sets. We are also delighted to announce that AYJO will be performing LIVE at this event. Barring any inclement weather, enjoy an evening of outside performances. The Ashford School PFA will be running a bar serving a range of drinks and light refreshments, raising money for School projects, and there will also be BBQ and ice cream stalls.

MONDAY 22 JUNE 2026, 6PM, ASHFORD SENIOR SCHOOL, FREE

PAUL PHOENIX WORKSHOP AND Q&A (PUPILS ONLY)

Ashford School is delighted to welcome Grammy award winning tenor and founder of Purple Vocals Paul Phoenix to lead a workshop with our top singers. Paul has had an extensive career in the music business and has performed all over the world as a former member of the renowned a cappella vocal ensemble The King's Singers.

TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2026, 11.30AM, OCTAGON 2, FREE

COME AND PLAY

Ashford School welcomes local schools for a day of creative and performing arts, led by Scholars and our fantastic Music and Drama Departments working on the opera Carmen.

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2026, ALL DAY, BRAKE HALL, FREE

PRE-PREP CONCERT

Our youngest performers put on a musical treat to conclude the festival.

THURSDAY 25 JUNE, 2.15PM, FRIDAY 26 JUNE, 9.15AM, ASHFORD PREP SCHOOL, FREE





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