

Meals and drinks

- ♦ **Refreshments & lunch breaks.** These will be served in the Great Hall, alongside our exhibition. Please use all available stations to avoid queuing.
- ♦ **Saturday pre-dinner drinks.** Join us for a glass of fizz to toast our anniversary and a wander round the exhibition.
- ♦ **Saturday dinner.** An informal hot buffet, with glass of wine/soft drink, in LO22 G03/4, 'D' overleaf.
- ♦ **Bar.** The Dairy bar will be open on Saturday evening – please note it is also open to students.
- ♦ **Dietary requirements.** If you've requested these, they should have been accounted for. Full ingredient details are at <https://netmenu.cbord.co.uk/NetNutrition/UniversityofReading>.

Badges

- ♦ Meals will only be served to delegates wearing a badge, so please make sure you wear it at all times. Lost badges can be replaced at the *abcd* desk.

Exhibition

- ♦ Full details of our exhibitors are in the programme in your delegate pack. All stands are in the Great Hall and open all weekend.
- ♦ We're very grateful for the loan of session music. Please hand it at the end of the session unless told otherwise. Much of it is available at the exhibition, so please do not take away music to copy, which destroys the livelihoods of composers & publishers.

Wi-Fi

- ♦ Wi-Fi is available across the campus. Use the QR code displayed overleaf or select 'Venue_Reading', enter the PSK Name **Kx183686 - ABCD Conference 2026** & the password **eDLfFA62** to connect.

Repertoire discovery sessions – ScoreCast

- ♦ Our software provides flexible and accessible ways to engage with the scores. Whether you prefer to follow on the main screen or to use a personal device, ScoreCast helps us stay on the same page. Find out more at convention.abcd.org.uk.

Toilets

- ♦ Standard and accessible toilet facilities are located in the block behind the Great Hall, in the Music Education building and outside G06/7.

Health and Safety

- ♦ If you need to report an emergency, please inform **abcd** or university staff, or the on-duty porters (07921492957).
- ♦ If the fire alarm sounds, vacate the building via the nearest fire exit and meet at the assembly point. For the Great Hall, this is White Gates car park.

Convention performances

- ♦ Enjoy two performances the Great Hall: Saturday at 1.30pm Universal Voices, Sunday at 12.15pm Taplow Youth Choir.

Filming

- ♦ We will be filming some sessions for educational use by members. There will be clear signs up; if you do not wish to be filmed, please let us know.

Parking

- ♦ White Gates car park is accessible from Crown Place, off the London Road. There are disabled bays close to the Great Hall entrance. No permit is needed over the weekend.

Luggage

- ♦ Luggage storage will be available after check-out times if required – please ask for the exact location.

Badges and Evaluation

- ♦ Please return your delegate badge and lanyard.
- ♦ We would be grateful if you could complete your evaluation form and hand it in when leaving.

Safety and useful numbers

- ♦ The campus is in the centre of a town, so please take particular care at night and with belongings such as mobile phones.
- ♦ **Taxis:** Yellow Cars works in partnership with the university. 0118 9660 660 or online at yellcars.com
- ♦ **Emergency contact.** *abcd* staff mobile numbers: Tricia Rees-Jones 07497 895664, Rachel Greaves 07528 382448, Elisabeth Brierley 07805 454563. On-duty porters 07921492957.

Keep up to date with Convention activity and information on our Convention website

convention.abcd.org.uk



Association of British Choral Directors 40th Annual Convention, 2026 Reading University

Welcome!

- ♦ Whether you've been to Convention for years, or you're coming for the first time, we're delighted to see you and hope you have a great time!
- ♦ This leaflet contains lots of practical information, including refreshments, exhibition, and session venues.
- ♦ Our weekend is based around the Great Hall, where you can find the exhibition, refreshments, and plenary sessions. Other rooms are in buildings round the cloisters. On Saturday you'll find students ready to help you find your way.
- ♦ A concise version of the timetable with session venues and a venue plan is inside the leaflet. This version supersedes all others and there may have been some changes. A full version is in the Convention programme.
- ♦ Here's a reminder of your chosen sessions:

Saturday:	11.45	Option Session 1
	14.15	Option Session 2
	15.45	Option Session 3
	17.00	Option Session 4
Sunday:	09.30	Option Session 5
	11.00	Option Session 6
- ♦ Where a session isn't followed by a meal break, there is 15 minutes changeover time to allow for moving rooms, so please don't feel rushed! You are free to attend any session you like, but if a room is full to capacity, you might need to choose an alternative.

Convention desk

- ♦ This is situated in the entrance to the Great Hall and will be manned throughout, so please do not hesitate to come with any problems or queries.

All the timetable, session room detail and venue plans can also be found at
convention.abcd.org.uk

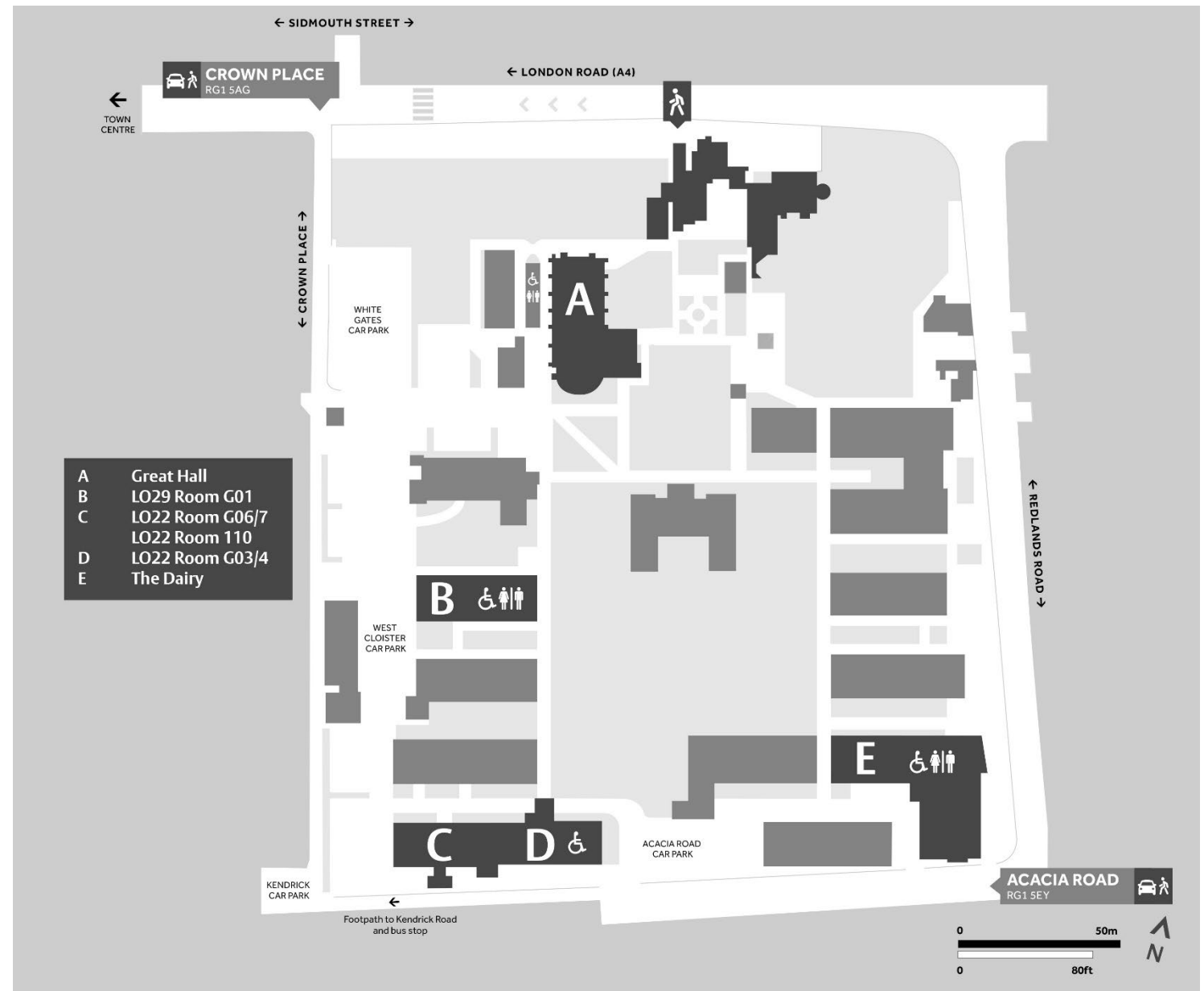
Timetable

Saturday

Time	Location	Session
09.30	Gt Hall	Welcome! Registration, coffee, exhibition
10.30	Gt Hall	Plenary Brave New World? Panel session.
11.30		Changeover time
11.45	Gt Hall 1a	Breathe in, breathe out, sing!
	LO22 G06/7 1b	The contemporary pop toolkit
	LO29 G01 1c	Using Dorico for choral composing
12.45	Gt Hall	Lunch and exhibition time
13.30		Performance by Universal Voices
14.15	Gt Hall 2a	Harmony Signing
	LO29 G01 2b	Repertoire discovery I: SATB secular
	LO22 G06/7 2c	Inspire & energise children's choirs
15.15	Gt Hall	Tea, treats and exhibition time
15.45	Gt Hall 3a	Journeys in voice
	LO29 G01 3b	Repertoire discovery II: SATB sacred
	LO22 G06/7 3c	Conducting masterclass: young choirs
16.45		Changeover time
17.00	LO29 G01 4a	Text – meaning – word setting
	Gt Hall 4b	Commissioning for today's choirs
	LO22 G06/7 4c	Unlock KS3: engage young voices
18.00	Gt Hall	Celebration drinks & exhibition time
18.45	LO22 G03/4	Evening buffet
20.00	Gt Hall	Birthday sing and cake
21.45	Finish	

Sunday

09.00	Gt Hall	Exhibition opens and registration
09.30	Gt Hall 5a	From average to excellent
	LO22 G06/7 5b	Working with instrumentalists
	LO29 G01 5c	Repertoire discovery III: KS1 & KS2
10.30	Gt Hall	Coffee & exhibition time
11.00	LO29 G01 6a	Getting to the heart of the music
	LO22 G06/7 6b	Pedagogy into part singing
	LO22 110 6c	Taking flight
12.00		Changeover time
12.15	Gt Hall	Performance by Taplow Youth Choir
13.15	Gt Hall	Lunch and farewells



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