

Redmaids High School  
Sunday 25th January 2026  
10am - 5pm

British Viola  
Society



# VIOLA DAY

## BRISTOL

with special guest violist



PAUL SILVERTHORNE

### A gathering of violists in the South West.

Come and play in our viola orchestra and chamber groups, be treated to a mini-recital, gain tips and tricks from the experts, get advice from makers and try out instruments/bows.

Look out for our composition competition - new pieces will be showcased on the day.



Day ticket **£70**

Age 19-25 Day Ticket **£40**

Under 18s Day Ticket **£30**

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## SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY

10:00 - 10:10 - Talk by Nicky Footer on Tertis & Aronowitz Competition

10:10 - 10:15 - Introduction to Paul Silverthorne

10:15 - 10:45 - Luthiers/Business introductions

10:45 - 11:45 - Viola orchestra led by Paul Silverthorne

11:45 - 12:05 - Break & visit Luthiers in the Lecture Theatre

12:05 - 13:05 - Tips and tricks with Paul Silverthorne

13:05 - 13:45 - Lunch & visit Luthiers in the Lecture Theatre

13:45 - 14:20 - Mini recital, plus a short talk on Brahms from Paul Silverthorne

14:20 - 14:50 - Viola orchestra led by Paul Silverthorne

14:50 - 15:10 - Strings 101: The Science, History, and Care of Strings (D'Addario)

*Ever wonder exactly how a musical instrument string is made? D'Addario has created a presentation that demystifies the strings on our instruments. By detailing the history and anatomy of strings, we hope that everyone will gain more understanding of what best suits their instrument, playing style, and playing level. We'll discuss everything that goes into making and playing on a string, including materials, maintenance, longevity, rosin, and everything in between.*

15:10 - 15:25 - Break & visit Luthiers in the Lecture Theatre

15:25 - 15:45 - Composition Competition play-through by Paul Silverthorne

15:45 - 15:55 - Winner announcement

15:55 - 16:55 - Final viola orchestra led by Paul Silverthorne

16:55 - 17:00 Closing speech



# Thank You

A big thank you to everyone for signing-up for the Bristol Viola Day.

The Tertis & Aronowitz International Viola Competitions (charity number 1207517) are extremely grateful for your support for today. All the money received from the participant tickets will help contribute to the work and mission Tertis & Aronowitz has for the viola world, helping to promote the instrument and to fund future events (future Viola Days, courses, the competitions itself, and more).

The Tertis & Aronowitz organisation wants to help highlight this wonderful viola community we have the pleasure of being a part of, which has always been around; but we want people to become more aware of it, and in time have that connection built across the country.

Today's composition prize has been kindly donated by the Bristol Festival of Speech and Drama.

