BA (Hons)
Acting for Screen

INTERVIEW GUIDE

Welcome to MetFilm School! This guide will help you get ready for your interview, outlining what to expect and how to prepare. We'll also provide tips on creating and presenting your portfolio.

Interviews usually take place online. You will receive an email with your joining link on the day of your interview.

You will be asked some questions about yourself and you will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

PORTFOLIO

We encourage you to submit a self-tape and/or a short portfolio before your interview.

We understand that every applicant's background and experience will be different, and you won't be penalised if your submission looks different from others. We're interested in seeing your creativity, curiosity, and passion for acting on screen and storytelling; not just the depth of your experience.

Your self-tape might include a short monologue, a scene, or another performance that best represents you as an actor. Your portfolio could feature other creative work such as short films, showreels, social media clips, scripts, voice or movement pieces, photography, or even ideas and concepts that inspire you.

Keep it short and focused — just a few minutes is plenty. Choose a small selection of your best work that shows us what excites you and how you express your creative voice.

Submitting Your Portfolio

You can send your portfolio (or a link to it) to submissions@bimm.ac.uk ahead of your interview. If you have any questions about what to prepare, please email submissions@bimm.ac.uk.

INTERVIEW

We want to get to know you and understand what drives your passion for screen acting. You can expect questions about what inspired you to pursue acting, your experience in the performing arts, and the types of roles or projects that resonate with you. We're keen to hear about your creative journey, how you approach storytelling, and what excites you about developing your skills further. It's not about being perfect but about showing authenticity, enthusiasm, and a genuine love for acting.

Don't worry if you don't have much experience—we're not expecting you to be an expert. Here are a few tips to help you feel ready for a relaxed and engaging conversation:

Your Interviewer

- You will be interviewed by a member of our academic team. We want to make sure this is the right course for you and that you are equipped to succeed.

Preparation for the interview

- **Know your work:** Be ready to discuss your acting experiences and the projects that have shaped you. Think about your favourite roles and what you learned from them.
- **Personal reflection:** Reflect on your journey into acting. What inspired you to pursue this path? What do you hope to achieve in your career?

Share your passion

- **Express your interest**: Be open about your love for acting. Share what drives you, whether it's storytelling, character exploration, or connecting with an audience.
- **Discuss your influences:** Talk about actors, films, or theatre productions that have inspired you. This helps us understand your artistic influences.

Character insights

- **Character exploration:** Be prepared to discuss your approach to specific roles you've played. What choices did you make and why? Or you could tell us about an actor you admire and describe how they played a character on screen or in theatre.
- **Acting techniques:** Feel free to share any techniques or methods you find helpful in your acting practice, as well as ideas you may have about how to approach developing a character.

Collaboration and growth

- **Team experience:** If you've worked on group projects in school or community settings, discuss those experiences. Highlight your willingness to learn from others and contribute positively to a team environment.
- **Willingness to learn:** Emphasise your openness to feedback and your desire to grow as a screen actor.

Engagement with the course

- **Research the curriculum:** Familiarise yourself with what the course offers. Think about how the curriculum aligns with your aspirations and which areas you're most excited to explore.
- **Ask questions:** Prepare questions about the course, faculty, or community. This shows your interest and helps you gauge if it's the right fit for you.

Authenticity is key

- **Be yourself:** Authenticity resonates. Let your personality and passion for film and screen production come through in your responses.
- **Relax and enjoy:** Approach this interview as a conversation about your excitement for film and screen. Enjoy sharing your vision and ideas.

Creativity and ideas

- **Future goals:** Consider what you hope to learn and achieve during your time on the course, including specific skills you wish to develop.

Final tips:

- **Stay calm:** Take deep breaths and approach the interview with a positive mindset.
- **Listen actively:** Engage with the questions and comments from the interviewers, as this creates a dynamic conversation.
- **Have fun:** Remember, the interview is all about sharing your passion and excitement for acting. Enjoy the process!

NEXT STEPS

Our Admissions Team will be in touch with the outcome. If you receive an offer, they will explain what you need to do next.

We can't wait to meet you! If you have any questions about the interview or your application, please email us at admissions@metfilm.ac.uk.