Graduation 2025 FAQs

When is my graduation ceremony?
All ceremonies for BIMM Music Institute, Met Film, and Performers College will be held on Tuesday, 18th November 2025.

Where will my ceremony be?
At the Brighton Dome, Church St, Brighton, BN1 1UE.

What time is my ceremony?

- **Met Film and Performers College (joint ceremony):**
    - 08:00-10:30: Gowning at Unitarian Church/Photos at The Old Court House (*see more detailed gowning and photo info below).
    - 10:00: Auditorium opens.
    - 11:00-12:30: Ceremony.
    - 12:30-13:30: Drinks reception at The Brighton Dome.
- **BIMM Music Institute :**
    - 12:00-15:30: Gowning at Unitarian Church/Photos at The Old Court House (*see more detailed gowning and photo info below).
    - 15:30: Auditorium opens.
    - 16:30-18:00: Ceremony.
    - 18:00-19:00: Drinks reception at The Brighton Dome.

How much are tickets?

- Graduand tickets are free.
- Guest tickets cost £20 per person (up to 3 guest tickets per graduand).
- Children under 2 can attend for free (if sat on a parent/guardian's lap)
- (Note: We'll update you in October if extra guest tickets become available after the initial booking deadline. These are likely to be limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis)

When will I hear from the graduation event team with more details?

Early August:

You'll receive an official email invite with links to:

- Ede & Ravenscroft website with full details on how to reserve your seat and hire your cap and gown (if you intend to do so).
- Brighton Dome website for buying guest tickets.
- Additional gowning and photo information.

Mid-September: a reminder to reserve your space/book gown with Ede & Ravenscroft.
End-October: a specific time slot for gowning/robing + info about your certificate.
End October/early November: a notification of any additional guest ticket availability.
Early November: full information about the ceremony including ticket details.

Please note these communications will be sent to your student email.

Do I need to hire a cap and gown/how much is it?

You don't need to hire a cap and gown, but you will still need to reserve your seat via the Ede & Ravenscroft site: https://www2.edeandravenscroft.com/graduation/index/. Please note this website won't be live until August when we will contact you with full info on how to reserve your seat/book your gown (if you choose to wear one).

Gown hire prices:

- Bachelors/1st degree: £46 in advance / £56 on the day
- Master's degree: £52 in advance / £61 on the day
- PGCert: £46 in advance / £56 on the day

Where do I go to get my cap and gown on the day?
Unitarian Church, New Rd, BN1 1UF (30 seconds from The Brighton Dome). Ede & Ravenscroft staff will be on hand to make you look your best!

Returning gowns:
Gown return bins will be in the Dome foyer and exits. Please note you MUST return your gown before leaving the venue and BIMM University is not responsible for gown returns. If you fail to return your gown, you will need to pay for the return to Ede & Ravenscroft yourself.

Official photos:
Taken by Lafeyette Photography at Old Court House, 118 Church St, BN1 1UD (near Dome/Unitarian Church). No booking required but as these slots get busy, it is advised to head straight there after gowning.
Graduates and guests can order/pay for photos/prints either directly with the Lafayette team on the day or via their website after the ceremony.

What do I do if I or a guest has accessibility requirements?
We are committed to making graduation accessible for all attendees. Detailed information on how to specify accessibility requirements for both graduands and guests (e.g., wheelchair access, specific seating) will be provided with the official invitation in August when booking is open. If you have preliminary questions about accessibility arrangements before booking opens, please contact the Graduation Team at brightongraduation@bimm.co.uk.

Should I book travel or accommodation early?
We recommend planning your travel, and any necessary accommodation, in Brighton well in advance, as November can be busy.
Brighton is easily accessible by train and coach.
Please note that parking in the city centre near the venue is limited and may require pre-booking. Those attending the morning ceremony (Met Film/Performers College) should particularly consider travel times due to the early start.

Will the ceremony be live-streamed?
Yes, we plan to live-stream both graduation ceremonies for family and friends who cannot attend in person. Details on how to access the livestream will be shared closer to the event date.

How will I receive my official certificate? It is likely your certificate will be mailed in the post to you AFTER the ceremony. We will email students in August requesting you inform us of any change in address / the best address to send your certificate to. This means you won't have to worry about keeping hold of your certificate on a day of celebration! We will confirm this to you by the end of October.

Contact us:
We hope we have answered all your burning questions at this stage. However, if you have further questions, please email the BIMM Brighton Graduation Team at brightongraduation@bimm.co.uk.

Please note that we are still very much in the planning stages, so bear with us and make a note to regularly check your student email for updates from August 2025 onwards.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

BIMM University Graduation Team.