

Section 37: BIMM Limited Access & Participation Statement

BIMM Limited, through its UK colleges BIMM Institute Birmingham, BIMM Institute Brighton, BIMM Institute Bristol, BIMM Institute London and BIMM Institute Manchester, is committed to widening access and participation in High Education courses in music and the wider creative artists.

BIMM Limited's selection process for its courses allows students to demonstrate their potential for Higher Education studies through a combination of entry requirements based on the achievement of Level 3 qualifications expressed through a UCAS points tariff, and a face-to-face subject-specific audition or interview. Applicants who are unable to travel to a college-based audition or interview due to distance, financial or other personal reasons are not disadvantaged and may, with the prior agreement of the Admissions team, give their audition or interview via video or audio communication technology.

BIMM Limited encourages applications from students from non-traditional educational backgrounds and as such accepts a range of appropriate Level 3 qualifications.

In 2015/16 academic year, 60% of students at BIMM Limited's UK colleges were admitted with qualifications other than A Levels, 4% of students were admitted through the accreditation of prior experiential learning (APEL), and 21% of students were aged over 21.

BIMM Limited is committed to promoting equal opportunities for all applicants, and all students, and we actively seek to recruit a diverse student body that is reflective of the wider community. We believe that a diverse student body provides for a creative and dynamic community and this is in line with the ethos and mission of the BIMM Institute.

No student will be excluded from entry to any course as a result of discrimination on the grounds of age, race, colour, nationality, ethnic origin, gender or sexual orientation, mental status, disability, religion or belief. BIMM Limited operates within the guidelines of the Equality Act 2010.

In 2015/16 academic year, 68% of students enrolled at BIMM Limited's UK colleges were male and 32% were female and we are taking positive steps, for example through the promotion of role models in our promotional materials and activities, to encourage female applicants for instruments and courses that have traditionally been more attractive to male students, for example guitar, bass, drums and music production. Also in 2015/16 academic year, 16% of students declared a disability and 10% defined themselves as black and minority ethnic (BME). BIMM Limited takes positive steps to encourage BME applicants or applicants with a disability through the promotion of role models and clear information on our website and in our prospectus.

BIMM Limited welcomes applications from students from all economic backgrounds and offers a number of scholarship and bursaries, information about which is made available to applicants on our website and in our prospectus. We also have a hardship fund for eligible students who require urgent financial support during their studies and detailed information about eligibility and the application process is made available to students by our Student Services teams.