

# Audition Guidelines

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BMus (Hons) Popular Music Performance (Bass)

## What to expect

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Auditions last one hour and are 1-1 with a BIMM assessor. You will be asked some questions about yourself and will have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the course.

## What to prepare ahead of the day

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- Please prepare a song to perform on bass that you feel comfortable with that lasts around 3 minutes. It can be an original or cover and you can perform solo or to a backing track. We will have a bass amp and lead for you to use on the day.
- If you are performing to a backing track, please ensure you bring this with you, or that it is available through a web browser, such as YouTube.
- Please prepare approximately 16 bars of two contrasting styles to play at any preferred tempo. Examples include, rock, blues, punk, soul, metal, reggae, funk etc.
- Please prepare to work through some technical exercises during the audition such as:
  - Major/minor scales
  - Bass line, riff or exercise of your choice
  - Major/minor pentatonic scales
  - If the above exercises are demonstrated successfully, your assessor may ask you to demonstrate slap bass technique
- You will be asked to work through some sight reading and music theory-based exercises. Please do not worry if your theory knowledge is limited. We offer a practitioner support scheme to those who need to brush up their theory in the first year of their course

If you have any questions about what to prepare please email [admissions@bimm.ac.uk](mailto:admissions@bimm.ac.uk)



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