

Audition Guidelines

L3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance (Drums)

What to expect

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

- Please prepare a song to perform on Drums that you feel comfortable with that lasts around 3 minutes. It can be an original or cover. Performance to a backing track is preferred. The backing track must be a “drum-less” version but may include a click track. We will provide you with a drum kit and breakables to use in your audition.
- 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 one contrasting style to play at any preferred tempo. Examples include, rock, blues, punk, soul, metal, reggae etc.
- Your assessor will ask you to demonstrate the following exercises:
 - Single stroke roll (16th notes/semiquavers) - 100-160 bpm
 - Double stroke roll (16th notes/semiquavers) - 100-140 bpm
 - Paradiddle (16th notes/semiquavers) - 100-140 bpm
 - Straight pop groove with metronome at 100bpm OR shuffle groove with metronome at 80bpm



If you have any questions about what to prepare please email admissions@bimm.ac.uk



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