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Bristol Accommodation and City Guide

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Welcome

I am so pleased that you are considering joining our wonderful creative community here at BIMM Institute Bristol.

For many of our students, starting at BIMM is a big deal. It can take some adjustment. You might think that doing what you love every day is easy. It's not.

It's not easy because it matters more. The stakes are higher. The pressure you put on yourself to do well is greater. You'll have days when you feel like a rock star. And you'll have days when you just can't get inspired. That is the life of a creative, and that is why it's easier to take these next steps together.

I'm a musician, songwriter and performer alongside being a creative arts educator. In fact, you'd be hard pushed to find anyone here that isn't. Our community of incredible lecturers understand you. They can help you work out who you are, what you excel at, how to tackle the tough stuff, and where you should go next on your journey as a creative professional.

I hope you join us for an open day to ask us any questions you have about life here at BIMM. And more importantly, to ask our current students about their experiences.

I can't wait to meet you and find out how we can help you achieve the career you've always dreamed of.

Hannah Phipps
College Principal
BIMM Institute Bristol

About Bristol

This West Country city has a fiercely independent spirit and is alive with urban inspiration and culture. Music and art come together to form a diverse creative community particularly well-known for drum & bass (Roni Size), trip-hop (Massive Attack, Portishead) and punk, which is now enjoying a resurgence due to the success of IDLES. George Ezra also walked through our doors in Bristol and out into the music industry.

Bristol's emerging names include Phox Jaw, Heavy Lungs, Scalping, Gardna, Keir, Giant Swan, Elder Island and Katy J Pearson. Each artist is supported by a strong network of live music venues, including The Louisiana and Thekla.

City festivals are growing too. Just check out Love Saves The Day, Bristol Sounds, Bristol Harbour Festival, The Downs Festival. Of course, the ever-popular 2000trees is growing year on year, and the world-famous Glastonbury is only a stone's throw away.

This is Bristol: independent, diverse and artistic.

Bristol life

Bristol is an exciting city with lots to offer. There is a huge variety of clubs, bars and pubs, many of which run weekly student promotions and offers. There is a great collection of independent cafés and restaurants too, with lots of different cuisines to try.

Art is very important to Bristol and you can find pop-up galleries all over town. You can also find a number of theatres, venues, museums and cultural centres to visit, including the SS Great Britain, Spike Island and the Arnolfini. Bristol has a reputation for its street art, music scene and self-sufficiency.

Music

Music plays a huge part in maintaining Bristol's cultural prominence. There are venues everywhere – from dive bars to swanky concert halls and everything in-between. Within a half-mile radius of both BIMM Institute sites, you can find Bristol Beacon (Colston Hall), O2 Academy Bristol, The

Canteen, The Attic, Rough Trade, The Crofters Rights and many more. Prestigious venues such as The Fleece and Louisiana are not far away either. The Fleece in particular is a three-minute walk from our Passage Street building.

There are open mic nights and jam sessions most evenings. Every night you can find something to watch and listen to. Crack magazine and Bristol in Stereo are two excellent local publications that will be able to give you everything you need to know about the upcoming musical calendar.

Theatre

For theatrical performances, there is the Bristol Old Vic, the Hippodrome, Wardrobe Assembly and the Tobacco Factory, among others. The Hippodrome hosts pantomimes, musicals, plays, stand up and more. It recently hosted the award-winning Disney's The Lion King.

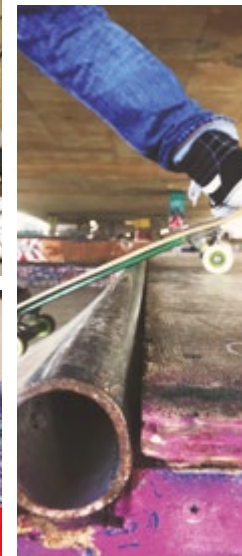
The Bristol Old Vic is the oldest continuously working theatre in the English-speaking world and is where you'll find contemporary takes on the classics, as well as being the place to host the Bristol Proms. The Tobacco Factory boasts an array of features and shows as well. They host local theatre productions, live music, comedy and lots of other entertainment.

Cinema

There are also a few independent cinemas that show international films, independent films, classic cult films and sometimes host parties and events. The most notable of these cinemas is the Watershed (along Bristol's Harbourside) and the Cube (also a quirky gig venue); a three-minute walk away from King Square.

Street art

Stokes Croft is on BIMM's doorstep and showcases work by some of the UK's most prolific street artists, including Stik, 3Dom, and of course, Banksy. There is a street art festival held every year by SEE NO EVIL where many artists from across the world come to display their art on Bristol's streets, (specifically Nelson Street in the city centre).



Festivals

Bristol thrives in the summer and there are festivals nearly every weekend from late May through to September. These include St Paul's Carnival, Bristol Sounds, Forwards Festival, Love Saves the Day, Dot to Dot, Bristol Craft Beer Festival, Sequences Festival, Bristol Pride, Glastonbury and many many more.

Shopping

Bristol is popular for shopping as it is the only major city in this part of the South West. People flock from all over North Somerset, South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire to visit the many shops and boutiques Bristol has to offer.

The town centre is home to Broadmead, the shopping district, as it were. Upon Broadmead sits a number of banks, cafés, travel agents, and clothing and goods retailers. At either end of Broadmead, you will find Cabot Circus and the Galleries, both indoor shopping centres. Cabot Circus boasts a collection of modern and high-end retailers including Hollister, Vans and Urban Outfitters. There are also a number of restaurants, a cinema, indoor crazy golf and a few other entertainment outlets within the centre.

If you venture out of the centre, you can visit Park Street or Gloucester Road. You will find independent boutiques and vintage and charity shops. You will also find some fantastic independent bars, cafés and restaurants.

Gloucester Road has been famed for its self-sustained nature and its anti-corporate attitude. There is some fantastic food to try and a friendly atmosphere to socialise in. They love to accept the Bristol Pound, a local initiative encouraging residents to put more into Bristol's local economy. Check out Wapping Wharf by the Harbourside as well for an eclectic mix of small independent restaurants housed in refurbished shipping containers.

There are lots of music retailers around, including Idle Hands (very near King Square), Rise, and of course HMV and Fopp. There are a few musical instrument retailers including Drum Bank, Mickleburghs, Music Room, PMT and Hardy's Music, a family-run guitar and musical supplies shop. Out of the centre, you can get to Cribbs Causeway, a large plot with lots of opportunities to spend money. It contains a large indoor mall, a few retail parks, including bowling,

cinemas and other entertainment, a number of large supermarkets and restaurants. If you have more expensive taste, you can visit Clifton for a few fancy boutiques with designer and made-to-measure clothing and accessories.

The great outdoors

Not far from the centre you can find the Clifton Downs. Clifton Village itself is a nice place to visit on a sunny day as you can sit in the shadow of Clifton Suspension Bridge and enjoy a drink at the White Lion. Opposite Clifton is Leigh Woods – a very nice patch of greenery and woods to take a walk through.

Bristol Harbour is also a nice place to visit and to take a walk along the river. There are lots of things to do – and lots of pubs along the route. You can even tour the city by boat or take a short trip on the tugboat across the water to reach the famous SS Great Britain – our cover star!

You can travel out to Cheddar Gorge, Blaise Castle, the Mendip Hills and many other beautiful spots around the South West with relative ease from Bristol. There are lots of nice towns to visit nearby too, like Bath and Gloucester – home of famous sites such as the Historic Docks and Gloucester Cathedral.

Nightlife

There is a big dance music scene in Bristol as the UK rave scene is often considered to have begun here. People would find abandoned warehouses, derelict homes or even disused sports centres to install a sound system (heavy on the bass) to throw parties. Lots of Drum & Bass, Breakbeat and House music originated here too. Trip-hop is a Bristol invention, and the city takes pride in the success of its artists, such as Massive Attack and Portishead.

Bristol nightlife is vast and ever-expanding. There are a large number of student nights across all different types of clubs, bars and pubs. Some popular clubs are Thekla, Bunker, the Lanes and Motion (for the more seasoned clubber). The O2 Academy also hosts club nights, including Ramshackle – a weekly rave for the student masses. Propaganda is held at The Fleece and is regarded as the UK's biggest student night.





We asked Bristol student Sally Van Hofsten to take you on a tour of her beautiful city.

My Bristol

Go explore

Bristol has lots of amazing outdoor spaces to discover.

- Clifton Village/Suspension Bridge is the best place to go for cute cafés and amazing views. It's also very Instagram-friendly!
- Harbourside has great bars and restaurants. You'll find We The Curious and The Aquarium here
- The Downs is a gorgeous open field area just outside of the bustling city. Head up here for a walk (or jog) with a view
- Castle Park is a perfect place for picnics and sunbathing. You may find yourself hanging out here in between lectures once your course gets going

Get gigging

There are loads of great venues hosting open mics and jam nights all around Bristol. Getting involved with these is a great way to meet other musicians and start networking.

A few to check out are Mondays at Gallimaufry (Jam Night), Tuesdays at Nova (Open Mic Night), Wednesdays at Mr Wolfs (Open Mic Night) and Thursdays at LeftBank (Jam Night). You can also find some of the best jam nights via BIMM Bristol's Facebook student group, so be sure to sign up.

Nightlife

There are so many great places to go in Bristol to experience its vibrant nightlife.

Stokes Croft/Gloucester Road is probably the liveliest place to go in Bristol for a night out. Whether it's a chilled weekday drink at Full Moon Bar, enjoying some student offers at Blue Lagoon on a Thursday, or an all-nighter in Stokes Croft/Gloucester Road.

King Street is great if you are a beer enthusiast (Small Bar) or love 80s arcade games (Kongs). This is probably my favourite place to go for a few drinks before continuing the evening somewhere else.

Right down at the bottom of the street, you'll find The Apple, a boat/bar serving all kinds of tasty ciders – definitely a must-see!

Thekla is the host of many different events and gigs, and often puts on student nights with some really good deals. Loads of freshers hang out here in their first year, so this is a great place to go to meet students from other campuses as well.

Eat and shop

Bristol is the home of some fab restaurants, cafés and shops. Cabot Circus is a good place to start for all of this – it's basically got everything you need. But if you're like me and prefer the more independent, hidden places, check these out.

- St Nick's Market is located in the centre of Bristol. It's where you can find some amazing food and cute little shops. Every Saturday, St Nick's hosts a vintage flea market as well, which is definitely worth a look.

- The Bristolian is my absolute favourite coffee shop in Bristol! They serve a delicious coconut latte and their veggie breakfast is to die for.

- Park Street is where to go if you want some new vintage clothing. It's got some great shops. Sobeys, The Vintage Thrift Store and BS8 are some of my favourites.

This should keep you busy for starters. Don't worry if you can't fit it all in during Freshers' Week – you'll have three years to find your favourite places. Enjoy!

Accommodation guide

One essential thing you must ensure you have arranged prior to your studies at BIMM Institute Bristol is your accommodation. Your living arrangements can be an important factor in your success as a student, and the Student Services team is on hand to help you when arranging this if required.

We want your move to Bristol to be as pain-free and smooth as possible. And with our Accommodation Guide, you'll find everything you need to know to find those perfect student digs. Bristol has various different types of student accommodation available, such as:

- Private Student Accommodation (Halls of Residence)
- Shared flats and houses
- Part-board with a host family

However, as Bristol is a university city, there is a heavy demand for student accommodation. We advise you to look as early as possible to find a place that suits your needs.

Private student accommodation

While BIMM don't own halls of residence, you'll often find your fellow BIMM students in these privately owned student halls locations:

King Square Studios

- Located right next to BIMM's King Square building
- Variety of studio sizes from standard to premium, with the option of single or double one-bed apartments available
- Mostly BIMM students
- Includes on-site laundry room, gym, reading room & cinema room
- Utility bills included

IQ Student Accommodation

- Music room onsite
- Five-minute walk away from BIMM's King Square campus and Moon Street campus
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- Utility bills included

Studio 58

- Located right next to BIMM's King Square building
- Includes on-site common room, laundry room and outside courtyard
- MyUnite app to meet your flatmates before you arrive & get help with your daily tasks once you've moved in
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- Studio rooms with Premium Studio option
- Laundry room, common room, utility bills included

Cathedral Park

- Located a 20 minute walk from our Kings Square campus and Moon Street campus
- Twin, Studio and Ensuite rooms available
- MyUnite app to meet your flatmates before you arrive & get help with your daily tasks once you've moved in
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- All inclusive of bills
- Laundry room, study spaces, common room, gym, cinema

Hotwells House

- Located a 20-minute walk to Kings Square & Moon Street
- 3-5-bedroom shared apartments and self-contained studios
- Includes on-site gym, games area and study space
- Mix of students from Bristol's universities
- All inclusive of utility bills and contents insurance

Canvas Wilder Street

- Next door to our Moon Street campus and a 2 minute walk from Kings Square campus
- A mixture of en-suite rooms and studios
- All inclusive of bills and Wi-Fi
- Gym, study spaces, events, common room
- Contents insurance

Private renting

If you can't find a spot in private student accommodation or if that's not your style, there are plenty of other private options for your time at BIMM or after:

- HYBR – BIMM Bristol's Housing Partner
- Bristol SU Letting
- Antony James And Co
- Bristol Student Lets
- Rightmove – Be sure to check the option for student properties

House sharing

There are plenty of house sharing opportunities in Bristol where you can find either groups of people looking for extra housemates, or properties that have a room available:

- Bimm Bristol Facebook Group (Search for group names such as "BIMM Freshers 2020".)
- Bristol Housing, Room & Flat Share Facebook Group

Spareroom

Temporary housing

If you are looking for temporary accommodation during the week whilst studying, there are many hostels offering cheap rooms in the Bristol area:

The Bristol Wing

- Located near Broadmead & Cabot Circus
- Bristol Backpackers
- Located on St Stephens Street
- Private rooms from £41 per night

YHA Bristol

- Located on Narrow Quay
- The Full Moon Backpackers Hostel
- Located in Stokes Croft, a 5-minute walk from BIMM's King Square building
- Prices around £20-30 per person, per night

Print Hall

- Summer accommodation in Uni of Bristol halls
- Includes on-site gym, laundry, study area and courtyard

House viewings

Tips for viewing properties

- We recommend viewing a property at least twice. You'll be more likely to notice problems the second time around. Be aware, however, that student properties in Bristol are in high demand and can be let very quickly!
- Take someone with you or let someone else know exactly where you are when you visit a property, just to err on the side of caution.
- It's also a good idea to visit the area at night. If you do this, please ensure you stick to the point above and take someone with you.
- Make sure you and all your other housemates view the property. Don't take someone else's word that the property is right for you.
- Compare a range of different landlords and properties
- Take your time and don't let landlords pressure you – there is a surplus of good properties in the area and you will find somewhere you like.
- When you go to view, take notes and photos and use our checklist to make sure you don't miss anything. Photographic evidence of existing issues when you move into a property can also help when it comes time to reclaim your deposit.
- Get informed – knowing your rights will help you view properties more critically and put you in a stronger negotiating position.

Frequently asked questions

How do I know what to look for when viewing a property?

We have checklists and tools to help when you're viewing properties. Use the checklist below to make sure you ask the right questions and look into all the key areas:

- Does the place look well maintained?
- Will you be warm enough in winter? Are the windows double-glazed? This will also help reduce heating costs throughout the winter
- Will it be safe and secure?
- Does it have the space and facilities you need (i.e. washing machine, heating, fridge/freezer)?
- Are the current tenants happy with the landlord?
- Is the property affordable and good value?
- Is the area suitable for your needs?

Will I need to sign a contract to rent a room?

Most landlords/agents will ask you to sign a tenancy agreement. This is a legally binding document setting out each party's rights and responsibilities. By signing it, both you and the landlord have certain rights protected in law which can't be overwritten by the contract.

Before you sign, make sure you understand all the clauses, so there can be no nasty surprises after you've signed. If asked to sign an agreement, it is likely to be an Assured Shorthold Tenancy Agreement and will normally last for at least six months, after which the tenancy will run on a monthly basis. However, many tenancies run for a fixed term, i.e. July 1st, 2020 to June 30th, 2021.

In this case, make sure that you are happy with the length of the contract as it is very unlikely that you will be able to end the tenancy early. The terms of the agreement must be in plain, intelligible language and not be unfair. For example, the tenant should not be restricted from breaking a fixed term agreement if the landlord is not in the same way, nor should they be subject to unreasonable rent increases or held to unreasonable penalty clauses (for example, extortionate charges for late payment of rent).

Get a tenancy agreement checked first by an informed person, such as an advisor from the Citizens Advice Bureau.

If the landlord/agent won't let you take the contract away to get it checked first, think twice about signing it. Spend a little extra time in getting your contract checked out to save time, money and stress later in the year.

What is the landlord responsible for?

- Heating and hot water installation
- Baths, sinks, basins and other sanitary installations
- The structure of the exterior of the property
- Repairs and safety of gas and electrical appliances
- Ensuring that any furniture that he or she supplies meets fire resistant requirements

What is the tenant responsible for?

- Water and sewage charges
- Utility bills – gas, electricity, telephone and internet connection (if any)
- Taking care of the property
- Using the property in a responsible way
- Paying the rent as agreed
- Keeping to the terms and conditions of the agreement

What rights do both the landlord and tenant have?

The landlord or his agents have the right to access the property at reasonable times during the day to carry out repairs for which they are responsible for and inspect the condition of the property. 24 hours' written notice to inspect the property must be given. Arrangement for access to the property must be written into the contract.

Tenants have the right to possess and enjoy the property during the tenancy without any interruption from the landlord. This clause does not limit any of the rights made under this agreement that the tenant has allowed the landlord/landlady to exercise. Neither does it prevent the landlord from taking lawful steps to enforce these rights if the tenant should break any of the terms of the agreement.

What bills can I expect to pay?

Depending on your own personal consumption, you can expect to pay £10 – £15 per week for utility bills. Remember that if solely full-time students occupy a property, then they are exempt from Council Tax.

If one professional lives in a house with students, council tax requirements are reduced to 75% of the standard

payment. Make sure to verify your council tax requirements in advance if you live with any non-students.

You can obtain a council tax exemption letter from reception or a member of Student Services. Once you have this, you will need to contact the council to tell them that you are exempt or eligible for a discount.

What is a deposit?

The deposit is generally equivalent to one and a half month's rent. Your landlord or agent must, under the 2004 Housing Act, protect your deposit within 14 days of receiving it as part of the Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme and provide you with certain information relating to this.

This scheme ensures that deposits paid to the landlords are kept safe and that tenants get their deposits back at the end of the tenancy, so long as there hasn't been a breach of the tenancy agreement, such as unpaid rent.

Remember that the money held as a deposit remains yours at all times and not the landlord's, and only by mutual agreement should any money be deducted.

Your deposit, or part of it, will be withheld if you:

- Fail to return ALL keys at the end of the tenancy
- Are responsible for any damage to the property, either wilful or negligent
- Have not cleaned the property adequately
- Have left rubbish which needs removing from the property

Can I deduct my deposit from my last month's rent?

No, because to do so would be a breach of your contract. It is important that rent and deposits are separate.

What is a guarantor, and will I need to sign a guarantor form?

A guarantor is someone who signs an agreement to pay for any rent or damages if the tenant fails to pay up. The guarantor must reside in the UK. Some landlords ask for a guarantor, but not all do. So, there are still plenty of properties to choose from if you don't have someone who will be a guarantor for you.

A guarantor is taking on quite a large responsibility, particularly if you are signing a joint contract. For example, if your housemate hasn't paid their rent, your guarantor could be made to pay.

Do not sign a contract that requires a guarantor form until you and your guarantors have read the form and agreed to sign. If you have already signed a contract, but a guarantor refuses to sign, you might not get the keys to the property. A good landlord will give you copies of the forms and time to check them through.

Ask the landlord to accept a limited guarantee from your guarantor, e.g. just covering your rent/damages. Tell your guarantor not to give too much personal information on the form, e.g. NI number, bank details or passport details should not be necessary.

I am leaving the house a few weeks early - can I get my deposit back early?

It may be possible for you to come to an arrangement for the early return of the deposit, but the landlord/agent will obviously want to inspect the house and check all rent is paid.

We cannot afford to pay the final utility bills. Can we leave our deposit or the landlord/agent to pay for them?

No, not if the bills are in the name of the tenants. The utility companies will chase the named persons and not the landlord/agent. Your deposit will be protected as part of the Tenancy Deposit Protection Scheme and therefore cannot be used by the landlord or agent.

Further questions

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Student Services team on 0117 980 7060 or studentsupportbristol@bimm.ac.uk



About BIMM Institute Bristol

BIMM Institute Bristol opened its doors in 2008 and has two campuses a stone's throw from each other in the student hotspot and creative community of Stokes Croft. The area is home to some legendary Bristol clubs, pubs and venues, iconic street art, and is located right in the heart of the West Country city.

Our brand-new, state-of-the-art campus on Moon Street houses a two-room performance venue, including a glass DJ booth and multi-level viewing platform.

Across our buildings you'll also find four industry-standard recording studios, a green screen media room for your music video dreams, several mac suites and multiple teaching rooms – all kitted out with top-spec, professional-quality music and media equipment.

Alongside that, there's a wellbeing hub, edit suites, practice rooms, a library and rooms for students to exhibit their own art and sound installations. There's also plenty of community space to relax and hang out around your lectures including our own café.

Performance students regularly perform at local professional venues, such as Rough Trade, the Fleece and Thekla. You might see your favourite artists grace the same stage that you play each week in class.

Additionally, Bristol has an excellent selection of bookable resources and unusual equipment that can help you push the boundaries of your musical creation, such as a modular synthesis rig and two vintage tape machines used for experimental composition.



BIMM Institute Bristol lecturers



Hazel Mills **Performance, Songwriting** **Vocals and Keys Lecturer**

Hazel Mills is a Bristol-based musician/songwriter whose work spans multiple genres and who has toured the globe with artists such as Florence + The Machine, Goldfrapp, Birdy, The Will Gregory Moog Ensemble, and The Paper Cinema. Her classical background, pop sensibilities and passion for 1960s American minimalism and analogue synths feed into both her performance and her writing.

Alongside touring commitments, Hazel has been writing material for her own project, *Violaine*, with long-term collaborator and producer/musician TJ Allen (Bat For Lashes, Portishead, Anna Calvi), drawing influence from *Musique Concrète*, 80s pop, and the music of Japanese pianist Ryuichi Sakamoto.



Lee Kiernan **Visiting faculty**

Lee is a guitarist and co-writer in Bristol band IDLES alongside BIMM Institute drumming alumni, Jon Beavis. Since releasing their first album *Brutalism* in 2017 to critical acclaim, they've been busy touring the world and winning fans and accolades all over the globe.

Their second album, *Joy as an Act of Resistance*, entered the UK charts at No. 5, and in 2019 the band were nominated for Best Breakthrough Act at the BRIT Awards and won the Kerrang! Award for Best British Breakthrough Act. They were also nominated for the Mercury Prize 2019.

When Lee is not touring, he is part of our visiting faculty across BIMM Institute Bristol's performance modules and offers artist development tutorial support for bands and songwriters.



James Hester **Principal Drums Lecturer**

James has played in bands for his entire life and has been lucky enough to work for major, minor and indie labels – primarily with the band Malachai (Island Records/Domino Records).

He has recorded sessions for DJs Zane Lowe, Gilles Peterson and Annie Mac. He's also played live on BBC TV for Lily Allen, and live on radio for Tom Robinson.

James has toured the UK with Mr Hudson, Groove Armada and Doves, and has played alongside fellow drummers Chad Smith, Jojo Mayer, Ian Matthews and Steve White. He's written for *Drummer* and *Rhythm* magazines and is the author of the drum tuition book, *Mind Over Meter*.



Emily Breeze **Professional Development** **Lecturer**

Cult rock 'n' roll heroine of Bristol's underground music scene, Emily Breeze is an outstanding songwriter and frontperson. Described by the Sunday Times as 'the lovechild of P.J Harvey and Johnny Cash', her critically acclaimed recent album *Rituals* demonstrates her particular gift for storytelling and timeless songwriting.

Emily is also an experienced lecturer, teaching across higher and further education courses. She also holds a master's degree in Songwriting.



Andy Rea **Senior Lecturer Events and** **Music Business**

Andy is a freelance journalist, event manager and public relations professional. In 2007, he founded 2000trees festival with five friends, held every year at Upcote Farm near Cheltenham.

The festival has gone from strength to strength, winning the 'Grass Roots Festival' gong at the UK Festival Awards 2010, 2013 and 2017 and the Best Medium-Sized UK Festival in 2018. Andy also runs ArcTanGent festival near Bristol.

By day, Andy runs his own company, Redtarn PR & Events, and lectures at BIMM Institute Bristol in Event Management and Music Business.



Jim Coles **Music Production Lecturer**

Jim is a music producer and DJ, originally from Berkshire. He works under the moniker 'Om Unit' and has released music on labels such as Metalheadz, Civil Music, and Terrorhythm, as well as his own imprint 'Cosmic Bridge'. Jim has several LPs and many EPs/singles under his belt.

He relocated to Bristol in 2015 after spending 15 years in London learning the art of DJing, collaborating with vocalists, and honing his studio skills. Jim's 2013 album *Threads* is widely regarded as a 'bass-music' classic – an umbrella term suitable for his output, which often cross-pollinates elements of jungle, footwork, dub/downtempo and even ambient elements.

BIMM Institute Bristol courses

Further education courses:

- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Songwriting
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance - (Guitar, bass, drums, vocals)
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Production

Single honours undergraduate degrees:

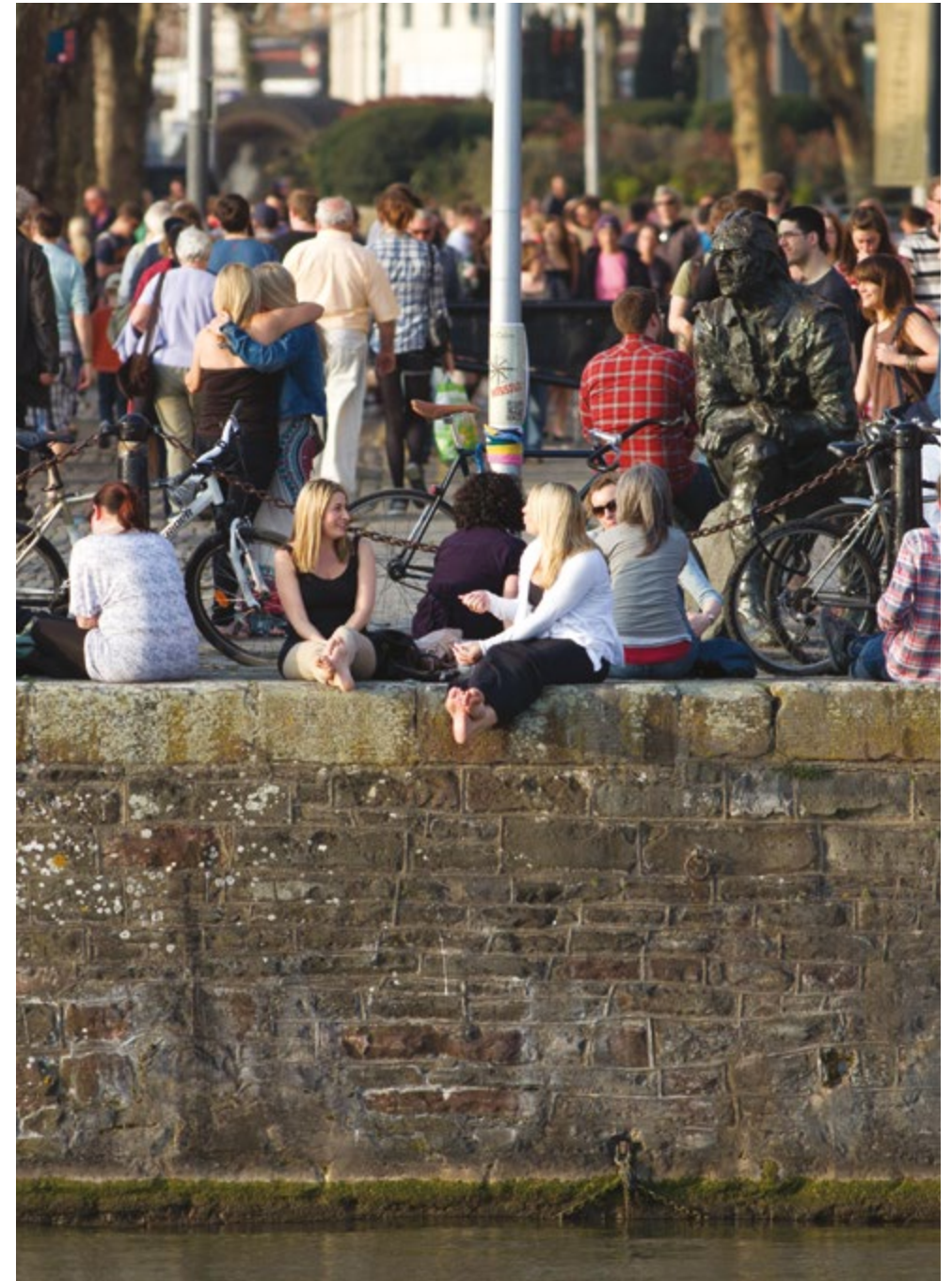
- BA (Hons) Music and Sound Production
- BA (Hons) Electronic Music Production
- BMus (Hons) Popular Music Performance (Guitar, Bass, Drums, Vocals, Keyboards)
- BMus (Hons) Songwriting
- BA (Hons) Event Management
- BA (Hons) Music Business
- BA (Hons) Music Marketing, Media and Communication

Joint honours undergraduate degrees:

- BA (Hons) Music Production & Music Business
- BA (Hons) Music Business & Event Management
- BA (Hons) Popular Music Performance & Music Business
- BA (Hons) Popular Music Performance & Music Production
- BA (Hons) Popular Music Performance & Event Management
- BMus (Hons) Popular Music Performance & Songwriting
- BA (Hons) Songwriting & Music Business
- BA (Hons) Songwriting & Music Production

Postgraduate courses:

- MA Popular Music Practice
- MA Learning & Teaching in the Creative Industries



BIMM Institute Bristol resources

Bristol's Moon Street campus is home to a well-stocked library of core texts and a large back catalogue of music publications and magazines, ideal for the budding music marketer or keen researcher. There is a quiet study area with computers and open access to the Mac labs with a range of musical and creative software, such as Ableton, Logic, Pro Tools and the full Adobe Creative Suite, available during evenings and weekends.

The local Bristol Central Library houses a well-stocked music and business section, and its Harry Potter-style architecture makes it a special place for quiet study.

The BIMM VLE is the digital hub for all learning resources. These include an expansive e-library, bespoke course reference books, peer-reviewed journals, online courses especially developed for our students and the full Microsoft Office suite.

The Careers and Industry Hub is Bristol's very own A&R room. Here, you can get some expert feedback on your latest demo, some professional advice on your CV and hear about industry placement opportunities.

BIMM Institute Bristol Student Associations and Clubs

The BIMM Student Association launched in 2019 with elections each January to appoint a Student Association President from the student body. The Student Association President works with the students and staff team to ensure student voices are heard and feedback acted on quickly.

The Student Association run a packed programme of student led events every year. They run regular student club nights, gigs and events but also run a whole host of creative activities for you to get stuck into. From Buskathon's across the city to songwriting camping retreats in the wilderness. You'll never be short of something to get involved with during your time at BIMM Bristol.

The president also manages a wide range of student-led societies at the college. Popular societies include:

- Friendly Folk Society - get involved in events like Soup and Stories - sharing songs and stories over plant based soup!
- The Women's Collective - a network of creativity, conversation and kindness. Empowering, supporting and uplifting women in the music industry.
- International Student Society - a place for international students to connect, share and socialise!
- The Proud Crowd - BIMM Bristol's LGBTQ+ society where you can join pub quizzes, pizza nights and a whole host of events!
- Vegan Society - Bristol is known for it's iconic vegan food scene! Join this society and taste Bristol's finest vegan treats over music and conversation!

BIMM Extra

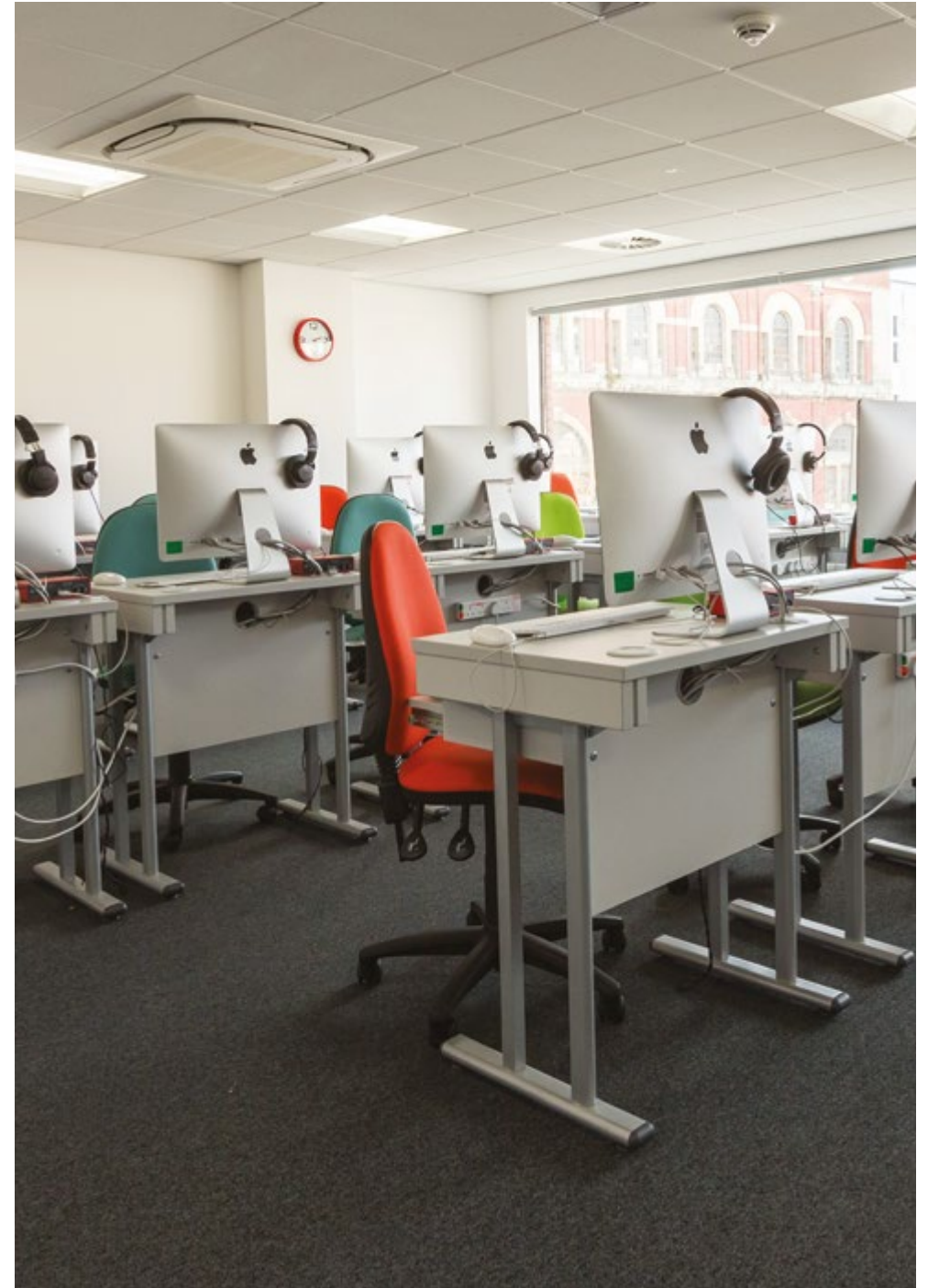
The BIMM Extra programme of free evening and weekend workshops is determined by student feedback and suggestions. Popular classes include:

- Piano Skills – Delivered by Hazel Mills, the keys player for Florence + the Machine.
- Photoshop and Filmmaking
- Yoga
- Drawing with Sound

BIMM Institute Bristol location

BIMM Institute Bristol has two sites in the heart of the creative community of Stokes Croft. St James' House (Moon Street, Bristol, BS2 8QY) and Kings Square (25 King Square, Bristol BS2 8JN).

The campuses are a two-minute walk from each other. You will have the majority of your lessons in these two buildings. However, depending on your course, some classes may be held off-site across the city.



Your city

Transport

BIMM Institute Bristol is well connected to the rest of the city via public transport.

Bus

Both BIMM Institute Bristol sites are very close to the city centre. Both campuses are approximately a three minute walk from the central bus station. From the Bear Pit (Barton Roundabout) you can catch buses to areas in both North and South Bristol.

You can purchase a ‘Three Stop Hop’ ticket for just £1 to get you between both BIMM colleges cheaply and quickly. Students can show their BIMM ID to get a 30% discount on bus journeys.

Take a look at the most popular buses and their routes:

- 70 – Bristol Temple Meads – Centre – Ashley Down – UWE

- 73 – Harbour – Bear Pit – Gloucester Road – Filton Avenue – Bristol Parkway Rail Station

- 75/76 – Harbour – Bear Pit – Gloucester Road – Cribbs Causeway

- 8/9 – Bristol Temple Meads – Bear Pit – Clifton – Redland

The Passage Street building is a couple minutes’ walk from Victoria Street in the centre of Bristol. The buses that stop there are:

- 1 – Bristol Temple Meads – Victoria Street – Broadmead – Centre – Whiteladies Road – Cribbs Causeway

- 2 – Bristol Temple Meads – Victoria Street – Broadmead – Centre – Whiteladies Road – Cribbs Causeway

Bike

Bristol is a very popular cycling city. It is a more efficient way of navigating the very congested roads and complicated one-way systems. If you cycle, you will find that you are not alone and there are initiatives laid out by Bristol City Council to get people out on their bikes.

The Yo!Bike app allows you to ride a bike for just £1 with the first journey free - these are the yellow bikes seen around town.

Train

Temple Meads is Bristol’s central station. It is approximately a 20-minute walk from Moon Street and Kings Square. Temple meads connects you to the rest of the country via a range of services and has a direct London connection that takes just over 1.5 hrs.

Take a look at the other stations around the city:

- Parkway – A large station connecting Bristol to Wales, surrounding Bristol towns, London and the Midlands

- Montpelier – King Square’s nearest platform. This is an inner-city station which connects you to other parts of Bristol, including Bristol Temple Meads, Clifton, Lawrence Hill and Stapleton Road

- Redland – Another platform near King Square connecting you to other parts of Bristol, including Shirehampton, Avonmouth and Severn Tunnel Junction

Hospitals, GPs and dentists

While living in Bristol, it’s really important that you register with a GP. It’s easy to do and means that you can access medical care if and when you need it.

You’ll have to visit your chosen practice to register with them (often via showing proof of your address). To find your local GP or hospital while in Bristol, you can head to the NHS website: [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk)

If you are at home for the holidays, you can still see your family GP if needed – they can see you as a visitor or an emergency patient.

There are also GP services near our college locations. The Compass Centre is nearest our King Square college while Broadmead Medical Centre and BS1 Surgery are also close by.

If you feel unwell and want some advice on what to do, please call NHS Direct (111). This is a 24-hour confidential service that also offers information on your nearest GP, dentist, pharmacist or out of hours service. For an emergency, please dial 999.

You can also register for an NHS dentist. To find your nearest dentist, head to the NHS website: [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) Even though it’s an NHS service, there are normally charges for dental treatments and check-ups.

Living costs

Budgeting is a really important part of university! You can prepare for university by looking at different tools such as the Save the Student calculator to help work out your budget: www.savethestudent.org/rent-calculator

You’ll need to consider things like:

Accommodation

Food

Utilities

Travel/Commute

Clothes, toiletries, extras

Entertainment and hobbies

Phone bills

Actual costs will vary depending on the individual and your circumstances. It’s important to research and understand your personal budget.

Council information

To find out about Bristol City Council services including recycling, bins, leisure and parking, head to bristol.gov.uk

Music resources

The Bristol music industry is thriving in this culturally rich and diverse city. With a reputation for being edgy, out there and innovative, Bristol's industry network is constantly evolving and growing. Here are some of the exciting businesses who have chosen Bristol as their home.

Record stores:

Friendly Records
Rough Trade
Idle Hands

Studios:

Brunel Studios
Factory Studios
J&J Studios
Invada Studios

Record labels:

Invada Records
Breakfast Records
Art is Hard
Saffron Music
Stolen Body Records

Music agencies:

Red Light Management
Crosstown Concerts/ Management

PR & communications agencies:

Infectious PR
Konichiwa

Music magazines & blogs:

Bristol in Stereo
Tap The Feed

Event management companies:

Team Love
Arcadia
The MJR Group

Music venues:

Bristol Beacon (Colston Hall)
Rough Trade
Thekla (DHP Family)
Motion/The Marble Factory
The Fleece
O2 Academy



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