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Welcome

As the College Principal at BIMM Institute Brighton, I know that choosing the right place to study and nurture your talent is one of the most important decisions you'll ever make. I understand this personally because before I began my career, I knew that I wanted to make music my life. And I knew that where I decided to study was going to be a big part of my success.

I was fortunate enough to choose a place that inspired me and opened up paths to the music career I have today; one that has included working with Ronnie Wood, Mick Jagger, Procol Harum and Slash, which has, in turn, ultimately led me to working at BIMM Institute – Europe's leading provider of contemporary music education.

When I moved to Brighton and started teaching at BIMM Institute, it felt like a city I could not only continue my music and education career in – but because of the community the BIMM students and staff create – it quickly felt like home. Brighton's vibrant creative scene, our connections to the wider creative industries such as Performing Arts, Film and TV, the countless venues, festivals and a beach that's definitely the place to hang out in the summer, are just the start of what you need to know about before making that decision yourself.

Since BIMM Institute Brighton was established – over 20 years ago – I've seen first-hand how our fantastic team of industry professionals have inspired and taught the musicians, creatives and music industry entrepreneurs of the future to go on to bigger and better things.

I continue to work in the music industry like all the lecturers at BIMM Institute, but with my main passion and focus of passing on the knowledge, skills and connections to the next generation of aspiring music industry professionals. If this sounds like you, then we look forward to being a part of your journey towards a successful and sustainable career in music.



Martin Wright
College Principal
BIMM Institute Brighton

About Brighton

The south coast city of Brighton boasts a rich and diverse musical and cultural history. It's a place once notoriously associated with mods and rockers, and Fat Boy Slim's Big Beat via the now infamous Skint Records.

Brighton has reinvented itself time and time again. And today, it's home to the very best independent labels, shops, venues and, of course, artists such as Rag'n'Bone Man, Royal Blood, Bonobo. Many household names have also come out of BMM Brighton, such as Mimi Webb, George Ezra and James Bay. For hotly tipped emerging artists, look out for FUR and Penelope Isles.

Brighton's reputation for unique clubs and bands is known the world over. Yet, the city is also home to one of a kind recording studios (such as Brighton Electric and Metway), labels (such as Small Pond, FatCat, Mr Bongo and Tru Thoughts) and independent record shops. Check out Bella Union Vinyl and Resident: winner of the 2019 Music Week Award for Independent Retailer of the Year.

The live music scene is as vibrant as ever with venues such as Concorde 2, The Hope & Ruin, The Dome and Brighton Centre. And it's no surprise that Brighton is home to Europe's leading showcase for new music. Every May, The Great Escape Festival showcases over 450 up-and-coming artists based all over the world across 35 walkable venues.

This is Brighton: colourful, quirky and liberal.



Brighton life

Brighton is an eclectic and vibrant city that's bursting with music. It was the perfect place to open our first-ever college. We opened the doors to our BIMM East Brighton building in 2001. Since then, we have expanded the college with two additional buildings located across the city.

Between them, our buildings house an array of industry-standard equipment and facilities. These include three gig-ready live performance rooms, two drum rooms, a mix suite, songwriting rooms, bass rooms, guitar rooms, four Mac suites with vocal recording facilities, a common room and so much more.

At BIMM Institute Brighton, you'll have the opportunity to fully immerse yourself in Brighton's music scene through our partnerships with local rehearsal and production spaces, as well as the best music businesses in the city.

Brighton alumni

Our Brighton alumni embraced all that the city has to offer. Take a look at some of our alumni who have built successful careers in the music industry:

- Black Honey – Four-piece indie rock band with UK Top 40 hits
- George Ezra – Singer-songwriter with multiple Top 10 hits
- James Bay – Singer-songwriter and guitarist whose debut studio album, *Chaos and the Calm*, shot to no.1 in the UK Albums Chart
- Fickle Friends – On-the-rise pop band featured on Radio 1
- Josh Harrison – Producer at Brighton Electric Studios
- Naomi Bressani – Head of Digital at Republic of Music

The music industry in Brighton

Brighton is rich in dynamic music businesses, including a range of music labels, agencies and venues to inspire your place within tomorrow's music industry. Take a look at just some of the businesses you can engage with:

Music labels

- Tru Thoughts Recordings
- Future Noise Music
- FatCat Records
- Republic of Music Ltd

Music agencies

- 13 Artists
- Lout Promotions
- FMLY Agency Ltd
- Elite Music Management

Music venues

- Brighton Dome
- Concorde 2
- The Green Door Store
- Komedia
- The Hope & Ruin
- Chalk
- The Brighton Centre
- The Old Market
- Patterns
- Cassa's
- Revenge

Smaller music venues

- Marlborough Pub and Theatre
- The Brunswick
- The Mesmerist
- Brighton Music Hall
- The Paris House
- The Bees Mouth
- The Black Lion
- The Western
- Fiddler's Elbow
- Idle Hands
- Verdict Jazz Bar

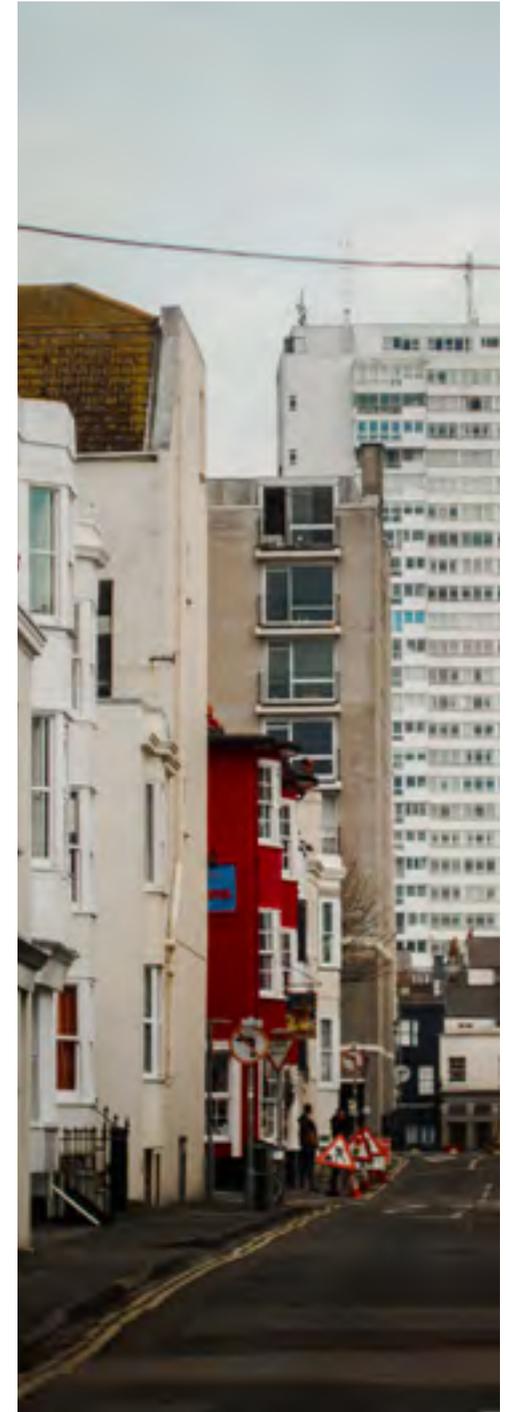
Brighton Electric

There's nothing like the experience of creating music in a professional studio to really hone your skills. That's why we've partnered with the award-winning Brighton Electric to offer their studios as a teaching space while you're studying with us. Founded in 2000, Brighton Electric has become a core part of the local and national music scene, hosting prominent artists such as Royal Blood, The Cure, Florence Welch and Foals.

The complex features 17 practice studios and two high-end recording studios, as well as a range of mix studios, storage facilities and a mastering suite and a bar where our students like to hang out. You'll also have the chance to get your hands on some amazing hardware including the exquisite vintage Neve 5316 console.

Did you know?

- BIMM House is our four-storey, Grade II listed building – and it used to be Hove Town Hall
- The amps and speakers in our bass room were generously gifted to BIMM Institute by none other than Stevie Wonder's bass player, Nate Watts





Ells Sivakumaran
Event Management

Wondering what Brighton is like from a BIMM student's perspective? We asked recent BA (Hons) Event Management graduate Ells Sivakumaran to describe the city in her own words.

Brighton has something for absolutely everyone. No matter your interests, you will find something to keep you entertained whilst studying here. It can be a daunting experience moving to a new city. This guide will help you get the best from the experience.

My Brighton

Go to gigs

Since you're studying at BIMM Institute, it's likely you'll want to get involved in Brighton's live music scene. One of the easiest ways to get your foot on the ladder is to get out and see as much live music as possible. This city is filled with a great variety of music venues – from Brighton Dome to Concorde 2 to The Green Door Store. A great place to look at what's on in Brighton is the gig list in the window of Resident Records in the heart of the famous North Laine area.

Other live music venues worth checking out are Komedia, The Hope & Ruin, The Haunt, Patterns and The Brighton Centre.

Go outside

As well as its charming beach, Brighton is full of beautiful green spaces. Take a trip to Stanmer Park, Preston Park or Hove Park and see what they have to offer. During the colder months, the parks are a great place to get some fresh air without bracing the windy seafront!

It wouldn't be possible to talk about outdoor spaces without mentioning the city's iconic beachfront. The perk of having a pebble beach is the lack of clean up – you don't have to spend hours brushing sand off after a visit. Brighton beach is a great place whether you want to just relax in the sun or have some drinks and a BBQ. Bonus tip: Hove Lawns is a great place to dog spot!

Eat all the food

Brighton is one of the best places to go out to eat! There is such a variety of cuisines and places for all budgets. Whether you want a big meal or a light bite, there will be something for you no matter your dietary requirements. Since there is so much to choose from, it's often best to just ask for recommendations.

Some of my personal favourites are Franco Manca (hands down the best pizza), The Hope & Ruin (amazing vegan food) and Pho (great Vietnamese food). I tend to find my favourite places to eat are the ones I just stumbled across, so don't be afraid to try somewhere new. And don't forget

to look out for deals as you're bound to find one. Wriggle is a great app for finding them!

Fancy a tippie?

There are lots of bars and pubs to suit all tastes, and there are plenty of deals around, especially for students. Bar Revenge in Kemptown has half-price drinks deals Monday to Saturday 5 to 9 pm and Sunday 5 pm till closing. Plus, Freemasons offers exclusive deals for BIMM students.

There are lots of great regular club nights that offer drinks deals too, so make sure you plan wisely before a night out. Stoked and Broke mixes live music with a club night and often offers student discount on drinks. Look out for Fat Poppadaddys events as they are always popular with great deals! You don't have to spend a fortune to have a great night out in Brighton... just look out for those student deals.

Stay hydrated!

As you can probably tell by now, Brighton has lots to offer. Something it certainly isn't short of is great cafés. There are so many to pick and choose from, and the best ones are often discovered accidentally! Some really special places are Marwood Bar & Coffeehouse (the décor is so interesting), Salvage (amazing toasted sandwiches) and Trading Post Coffee Roasters (their coffee is great and is roasted on-site).

Cafés can be great places to do some work too, so if you fancy a change in environment check out Wolfox's The Roastery Lab. Underneath it has what it calls a 'coffice' which is an awesome workspace if you want to get out the house!

You'll also find some of the best coffee in town right in the BIMM West yard with our very own Brewshack hut, which is the perfect place to hang out between lessons!

Brighton has so much to offer and there's always new things to discover here. This guide has only just scratched the surface on what you can expect from the city, so make sure you get out there and find favourite spots for yourself!

Accommodation guide

Brighton is a relatively small city, and there is an abundance of student accommodation within a fairly short distance of the Institute. We expect students to live within a reasonable distance: please take into consideration the cost of travelling and the time it takes to get to the Institute from where you choose to live.

The following areas, in particular, are a good place to look for shared/student accommodation: Lewes Road area, Elm Grove, Hanover, Viaduct Road, London Road, Kemp Town, East Hove.

Jackie Phillips

Jackie Phillips is an independent accommodation adviser who is affiliated with BIMM Institute Brighton; she charges a small fee for advice and help in finding suitable accommodation for BIMM students.

You can reach Jackie on 01273 493409 or email jackiephillips@bimm.co.uk

Jackie is able to provide information on flat or house shares, bedsits and host family accommodation in the area, plus link people together who are looking for shared accommodation. Please be aware that Jackie deals with a lot of enquiries and applications at the beginning of the academic year.

Estate agencies and landlords

A list of clickable websites can be found by scanning the QR code below.



If you are going through a letting agent, you will be expected to pay a deposit and usually one month's rent upfront, plus provide a guarantor.

If you do have any concerns about a letting agency, ensure that the letting agent you use is following the code of practice of the National Association of Estate Agents. Please find more information at naea.co.uk

Student spareroom.co.uk

Student SpareRoom is the private rented student accommodation finder from SpareRoom.co.uk, the UK's #1 flat & house share website. Student SpareRoom allows you to find and advertise rooms in existing student flatshares as well as student flats and houses to rent suitable for groups of sharers.

Rightmove.co.uk Students

Rightmove Students can be used to find university accommodation, student housing, halls of residence and private halls close to your university campus.

All their student accommodation is listed on a per person/ per week basis to make it easier to see how far your student budget will stretch.

Living costs

This will depend on how many people you live with. Typically, students will equally share the monthly bills costs between them. Average monthly costs of rent and bills below, as of September 2022.

Accommodation (per person):

- In shared accommodation: £550-£800
- Studio flat: £800+
- 1 bed flat: £950+
- Pavillion Point student halls (new to the Brighton area!): £900+

Bills (per household, per month) :

- Wifi: £30-£60
- Electricity: £40-£120
- Gas: £35-£100
- Water: starts from £30

Council tax

As a full-time student, you are not liable to pay council tax if you are house sharing with other students once your course commences. Although you will be exempt during your course, you will not be exempt if you move into a property before the start of your course and in addition once the course ends.

Students are responsible for setting up and paying for their utility bills, including water, electricity, gas and internet access. You must also register for council tax and submit your council tax exemption form, which you can get from reception.

Local council information

Scan the QR code below for more information on recycling, bins, parking, council contact information and more too.



Finding housemates

Facebook is a good way to link up with people who are already at BIMM Institute, or who are starting at the same time as you. Some students set up groups prior to starting BIMM Institute in order to find housemates. Using this facility is a great way to post information about yourself, the type of housing you are looking for and also any rooms that you or others may know about, which are available for rent.

Look for group names such as 'BIMM Freshers' and 'BIMM Brighton Student group'.

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
- 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
- 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?
- 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?

Frequently asked questions continued

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.

Most tenancies run for a fixed term, typically 6 month or 12 month contracts. So 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 they supply meets fire resistant requirements

What is the tenant responsible for?

- Water and sewage charges
- Utility bills, such as gas, electricity, telephone and internet connection (if any); some landlords include bills in rent

- 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.

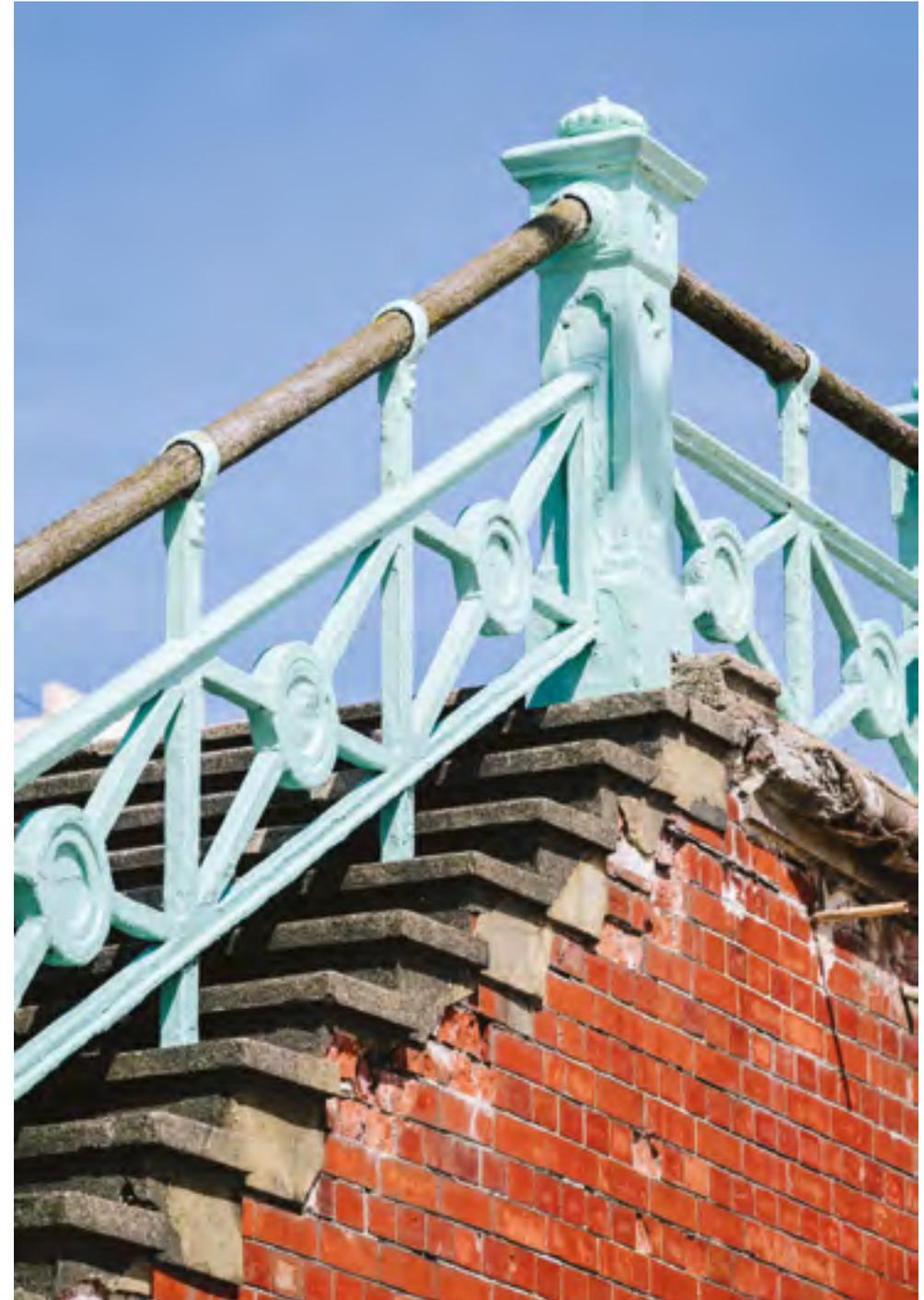
What is a deposit?

Landlords/ Estate Agents typically request the equivalent of 5 weeks rent as your deposit amount. 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 full deposit back at the end of the tenancy, so long as there hasn't been a breach of the tenancy agreement.

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



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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 will most likely be a parent or guardian. 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, you'll just need to look around. 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.

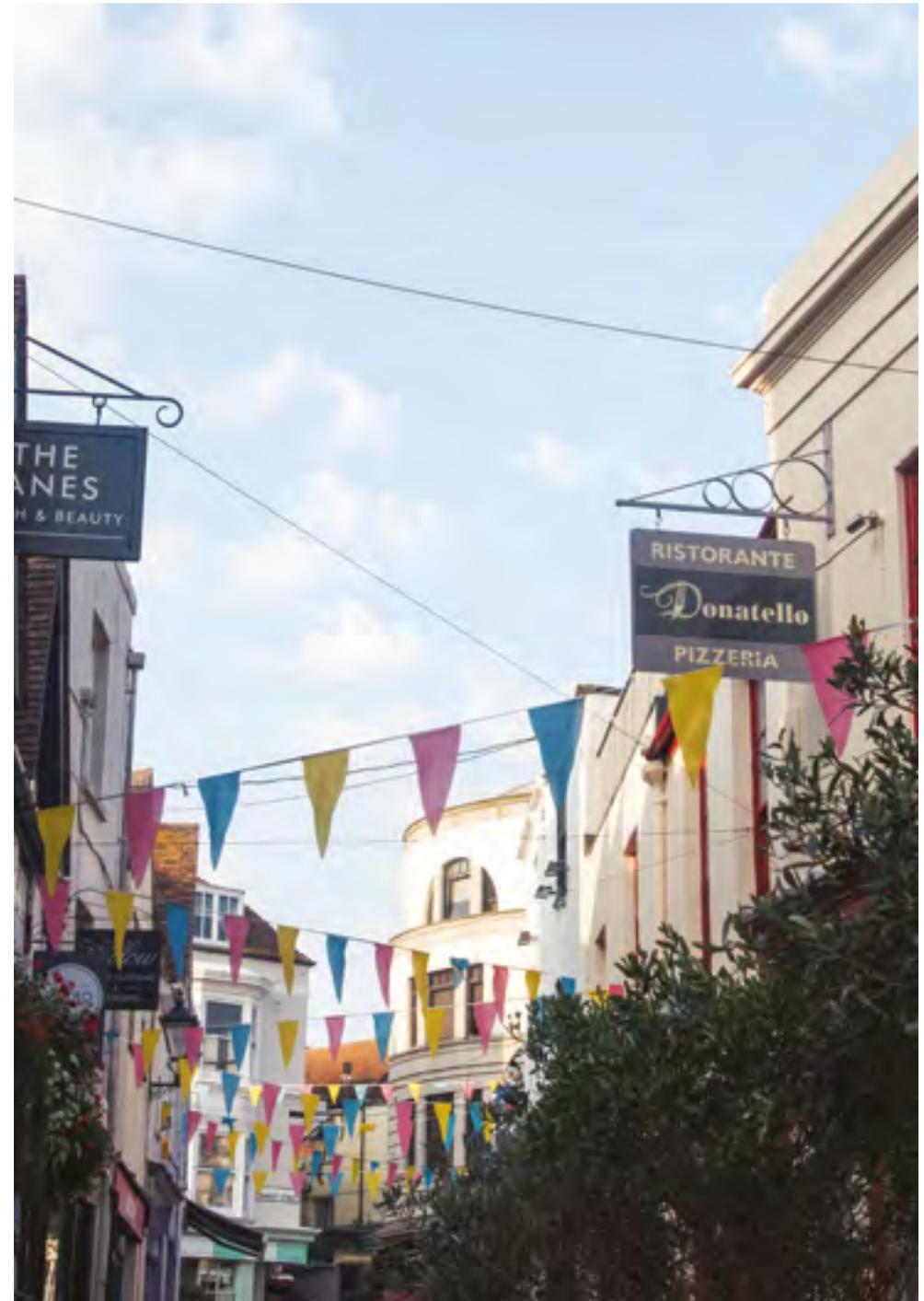
We cannot afford to pay the final utility bills; can we leave our deposit, or ask the landlord/agent to pay for them?

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 Admissions Team on 03442646666, admissions@bimm.ac.uk or Live Chat on the BIMM website.

If you need support or advice with accommodation whilst you're studying at BIMM, please contact Student Support.



Information for international students

As an international student, some accommodation requirements can differ. If you do not have a UK guarantor, you may be required to pay rent upfront. Some estate agents will ask for 6 months upfront rent. This can differ per company and may differ with private student halls. Please call the agents regarding your situation as this can vary.

Our friendly International Admissions Team are on hand to provide prospective students with up-to-date information, advice and support on your application, visa requirements and more.

Once enrolled, you will be supported by the Immigration Team and Student Support Team, if you have any queries or need advice during your time at BIMM. So, we'll support you from when you apply up until you graduate!

UK International Admissions Team:
Email: international@bimm.ac.uk
Phone: +44 1273 626 666
Monday – Friday, 9.00am-5.30 pm UK-time

Live Chat: www.bimm.ac.uk
For more information in general, including visa information, scan the QR code to go to:
www.bimm.ac.uk/international

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Culture

Welcome to Brighton. Beach life reigns supreme here. Sunbathing, BBQs and dips in the sea are a rite of passage for any new resident. In the spring and summer months, the city becomes a hive of activity, with Brighton Pride, The Great Escape, Brighton Fringe and a host of other festivals drawing musicians, creatives and industry professionals to the city.

Ask the average passer-by on the street, and they'll describe this city as quirky, arty, cosmopolitan, open-minded, progressive, liberal, historic yet contemporary, as well as a magnet for international tourism.

Brighton is a mecca for musicians and music fans alike. This city has more music-based businesses per square mile than any other city in the UK, including venues, nightclubs, recording studios, rehearsal spaces, radio stations, promotions companies, record labels, publishing houses, management companies, tour management and event production agencies.

Surrounding area

North of Brighton (and just a twenty-minute bus ride away) is the beautiful South Downs. A popular destination for hikers, cyclists and paragliders, this National Park's landscape is comprised of rolling chalk hills and covers 1600-square kilometres of breathtaking views and hidden gems.

Follow the Brighton Beach to the East and you'll hit Peacehaven, Newhaven and the beautiful Seven Sisters Country Park before hitting the larger towns of Eastbourne and Hastings, each of which is home to their own great music venues.

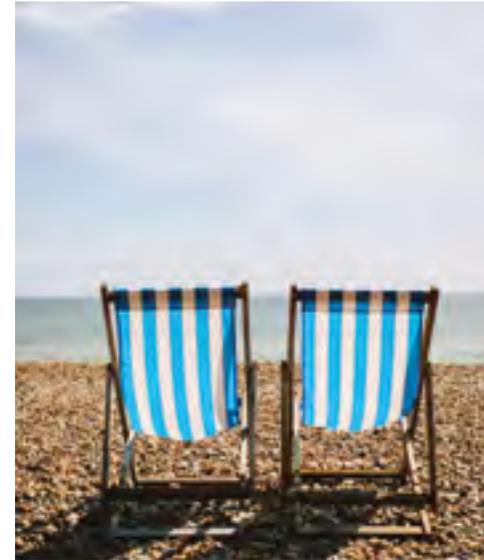
Shopping and food

Brighton is known as a great city for shopping and at the centre of it all is Churchill Square. This sprawling modern mall is retail heaven for students, locals and tourists alike, with late opening hours every Thursday and NUS discounts to be had. It even hosts a Freshers' event for new students each year with tons of great deals to stock up on all sorts of essentials.

The North Laine and South Lanes are also a big hit for students, with lots of cobbled streets lined with all sorts of independent boutiques.

As for food, you're spoilt for choice in Brighton. You'll find virtually all tastes catered for here, with great vegan and vegetarian restaurants, as well as cuisine from all over the world. You'll be able to find sushi, burgers, Thai, Italian, Vietnamese, Indian, Chinese, French, and of course, lots of classic fish 'n' chips along the seafront.

Add to that scores of pubs and coffee shops that are strewn throughout the city and you'll find you're never far from refreshing food and drink.





About BIMM Institute Brighton

College facilities

BIMM Institute Brighton is comprised of three buildings - BIMM West, BIMM House and BIMM East. Each one is packed with features and our students also get to utilise various local music resources outside of the college. Take a look at some of our key facilities.

Performance facilities

Our world-class discipline-specific performance facilities include dedicated rooms for Guitar, Bass, Vocals, Drums and Keyboards, featuring industry-standard equipment from the likes of Orange, Victory, Cornford, Marshall, JMI, Fender and more. Students can also take advantage of bookable rehearsal time at our partners Brighton Electric and the nearby Pirate Studios.

BIMM House is our four-storey, Grade II listed building. It used to be Hove Town Hall years ago, and today it features two fully equipped gig-ready live performance rooms.

Top floor room:

- Aguilar, Eden and Ampeg bass amplification
- Crown power amplification
- d&b front of house and monitor equipment
- Full LED & PAR 56 lighting system powered by Avolites software
- Marshall, Orange, Fender and Victory guitar amplification
- Soundcraft Vi1 sound desk – equipped with Dante card for multi-track recording straight into Logic Pro X
- Tama drums and hardware, plus Roland SPD-SX drum sample pads Van Damme stage boxes and multicore

Ground floor room:

- BSS, Drawmer, DBX and Lexicon outboard equipment
- d&b front of house, monitor equipment and power amplifications
- Full LED and PAR 56 lighting system, controlled by Jester lighting controller

- Marshall, Orange, Cornford, Hiwatt and Fender guitar amplification
- Midas Venice F32 Sound desk – equipped to record straight into Logic Pro X
- Orange and Aguilar bass amplification
- Tama drums and hardware, plus Roland SPD-SX drum sample pads
- Van Damme stage boxes and multicore



Two drum rooms

Both of our main drum rooms are equipped with Tama Starclassic Performer drum kits with Zildjian Cymbals, Roland SPD-SX and Roland TD-25KV V-drum Kits.

Theory/keyboard room

Featuring 11 Yamaha Piaggero NP-V60 keyboards.

Songwriting rooms

Featuring a Yamaha upright piano, Hammond organ, Roland and Kurzweil keyboards, Marshall, Hi-Watt and Ashdown amps, Fender, Takamine and Ozark acoustic guitars, and percussion. We have everything you could need to craft original music.

Bass rooms

These are kitted out with an Ampeg SVT classic head and 8x10 cab, a Hartke L1000 and speaker stack, Orange AD200 with 4x10 and 1x15 cabs, Eden WTX-500 and a Hiwatt 200 amp and cab. Some of these items were gifted to us by none other than Stevie Wonder's bass player, Nate Watts!

Guitar rooms

Our guitar rooms feature a choice of amp heads, including Orange TH30, Rockerverb 50 and AD30 Heads, Marshall DSL 100w and JCM 2000 50w Heads, Laney TI 100W and GH50 Half Stacks and Victory V30 heads.

Music production

Four Mac Suites (also available for general study) equipped with Recording Booths and the latest versions of Pro Tools, Logic and Ableton DAWs.

Music Production students can mix and master their music in our newly refitted SSL and Adam Audio Mix Suite. They are also able to utilise Brighton Electric's Professional Recording Studios Facilities as part of their course.



BIMM Institute Brighton lecturers



Ben Thomas **Drum Lecturer**

As a BIMM Alumni, Ben has worked with Rag'n'Bone Man since 2013. He has been playing drums for nearly 20 years and has appeared on many TV and Radio shows over the past years, including Jimmy Fallon, Graham Norton, Ellen and the Radio One Live lounge as well as others.

Ben has been performing with Rag 'n'Bone Man since 2013 and played various festivals and shows across the UK, Europe, and the US, such as Glastonbury, Montreux Jazz Festival, Alexandra Palace and others.



Damien Morris **Principal Guitar Lecturer**

Damien is a graduate of the Musicians Institute and has been a successful session guitarist and tutor ever since. He currently teaches at BIMM Institute Brighton.

He has many touring and recording session credits to his name, working with acts such as Sugababes and Moby. He's also worked with members of The Average White Band, Jamiroquai and M People.



Siggie Mwasote **Vocals Lecturer**

She is a singer, performer and Choir director. She has a wealth of experience leading vocal workshops and choirs for both children and adults. Siggie loves all genres but her passions are Gospel, Soul and Jazz.

Siggie's unique style of working with Students enables them to work to their fullest potential, overcoming obstacles.

Siggie runs her Community Choir, Spring into Soul who were finalists on BBC's Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year 2018 based in Worthing, West Sussex as well as fronts her band, Lakuta, an Afro Funk Collective, signed to Brighton label, Tru Thoughts. They are, and continue to be, regulars on the Festival scene, both in the UK and abroad.



Dr. Jon Stewart **Music Business Course Leader**

Jon is the lead guitarist and co-songwriter for 90s Britpop band, Sleeper, who enjoyed three UK Top 5 albums and nine UK Top 40 singles, plus multiple UK and world tours. Jon has also recorded as a session player for artists such as KD Lang and Mel C (Spice Girls), authored a long-running column on the music business for Guitarist magazine and is co-founder of the film and television music supervision company, Music4Movies.org.

Jon is also a widely published researcher in popular music and popular culture and holds a PhD from the University of Southampton.



Zoe Martin **FE Programme Leader**

Zoe is a Front Of House and Monitor engineer, with over 10 years industry experience.

She initially established herself working locally as an in-house engineer in venues across Brighton, and has since toured globally with many prestigious acts. Her current and previous clients include: Bonobo, Maverick Sabre, James Arthur, UB40 (feat. Ali Campbell), Radiophonic Workshop, Sleeper & Rataat.



Matt Hodson **Music Production Course Leader**

His involvement in the music industry spans a range of disciplines including performance, composition and studio production. He's also an experienced computer music specialist with a successful career over the past decade in music production and education.

As an electronic music producer and performer signed to the legendary FatCat Record label, his output of impressive beat crunching and synthesiser drenched aesthetic, incorporates a wide range of contemporary technologies with innovative application. As composer and sound designer, Matt has an exceptional track record and has worked with clients such as MTV, The Olympic Games, Nestle, Universal Records, and many more.



BIMM Institute Brighton Courses

Further education courses:

- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Performance - Bass, Drums, Guitar, Vocals
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Songwriting
- Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music Production
- Level 2 Diploma in Modern Music

Single honours undergraduate degrees:

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

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 Learning & Teaching in the Creative Industries (MA LTCl)
- MA in Popular Music Practice (MA PMP)



BIMM Institute Brighton Resources

At BIMM Institute Brighton, many student resources are available. These include:

- Extensive e-library providing access to books, journals and other study resources.
- BIMM-authored diploma and undergraduate ebooks, which support the core curriculum for each course.
- Access to Ableton, Logic Pro and ProTools, as well as Microsoft Office 365 suite throughout the duration of your studies, which includes OneDrive cloud storage, Word, Excel, PowerPoint and OneNote.
- BIMM Connect: a platform where students can connect with fellow students and graduates, find musicians and industry professionals to work with, set up projects and groups, and post events.
- Online portals to book rooms for the buildings, Brighton Electric and Pirate studios.
- You can also access your live course timetable from any device and sync your timetable with your device's calendar
- Plus more included on computers on campus, to aid you whilst you develop your career at BIMM.

Student Associations and Clubs

Taking part in societies complements your main studies and will broaden your outlook on life. It is a great way to meet students outside of your course, gain new skills and experiences and contribute towards your CV.

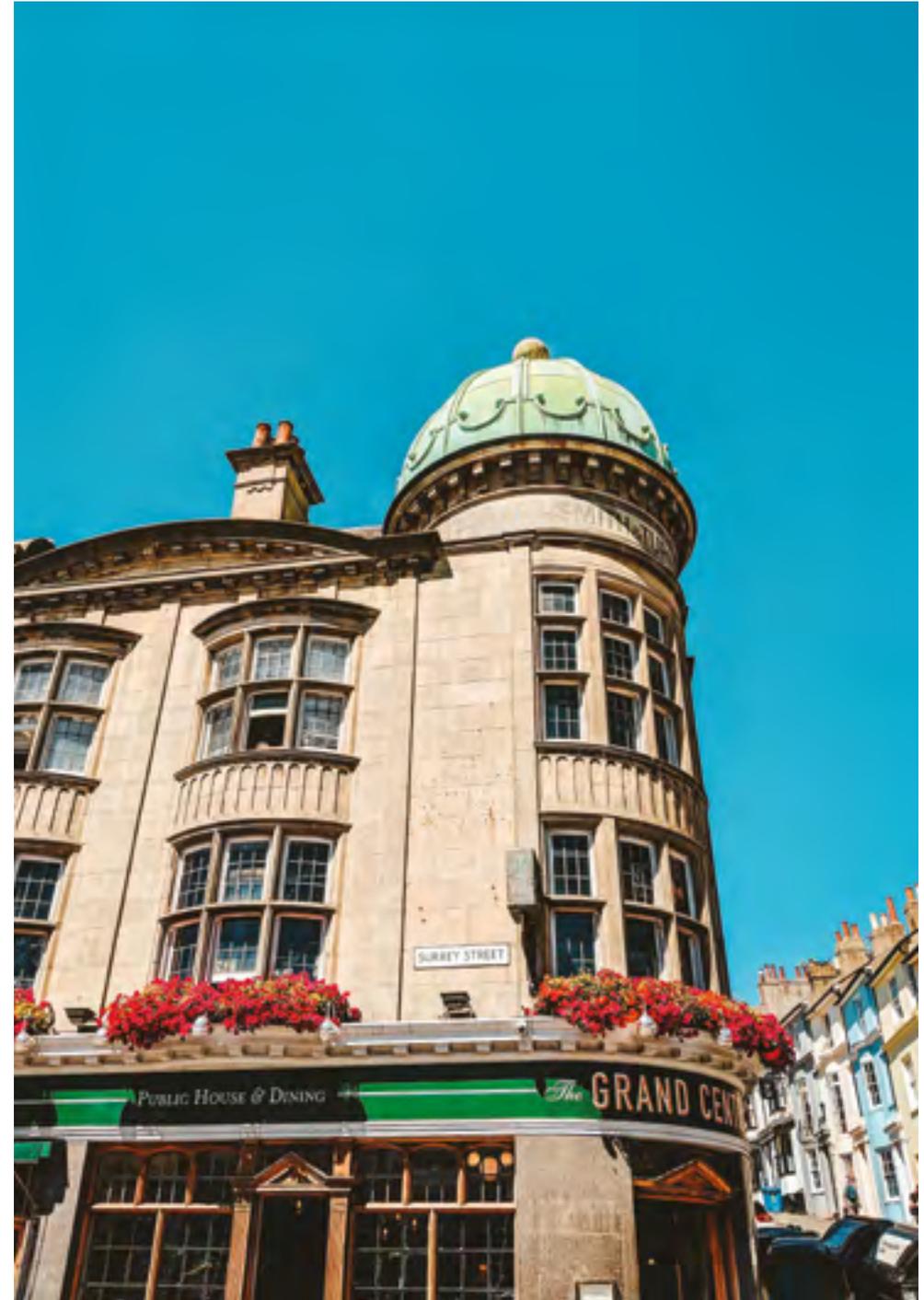
There are already many active societies at BIMM Institute Brighton, but we are always open to suggestions and ideas about new societies – you just need three members to start one!

Past societies include:

- BSA Women's Society
- BIMM Brighton Loud and Proud: LGBTQ+ Society
- The Environmentalists
- Musical Theatre Society
- Talking Tongues Society
- Amateur Jam Society
- Wellbeing Society
- Sports Society, including Football and Run Club.

Take a look at our other events and happenings taking place throughout the year:

- BSA Graduation
- Panels and events with external guest panellists including mental health and well-being in the music industry
- Freshers' events, including panels with alumni, the Student Support Team and BIMM Peer Mentoring Scheme





Your city

Public transport

Bus

The 'Brunswick Place' bus stop on Western Road is directly outside our main college at BIMM West and is serviced by buses from all over the city. These include:

- 1, 1A, 2 Hove/Kemp Town
- 5, 5A, 5B - West Hove/London Road
- 20, 21, 21B - Brighton Centre/Hanover
- 25, 46, 49 - Portslade/Lewes Road/Moulsecomb
- 6, 60, 700 - South Coast/Brighton Centre

For details about service times, prices and route information, please refer to buses.co.uk

For cheaper bus travel in the Sussex area, students can get discounted tickets using the Brighton Bus App for smartphones. For more information, visit the website buses.co.uk/app

Train

For those living outside of the city, BIMM Institute is easily accessible from either Brighton or Hove mainline station. There are also frequent trains that run to and from London Victoria and London Bridge. Have a look at southernrailway.com for train times and ticket prices.

Bike

Brighton is very cyclist-friendly with accessible cycle lanes and bike storage all over the city. You can also rent city bikes through the BTN BikeShare app, which cost 3p per minute. If you live a short distance from the Institute, it might be the most cost-effective way to travel. Find out more about cycling in Brighton at brighton-hove.gov.uk

Citymapper shows you bus, train, walk and cycle routes (including where you can hop on a Brighton bike from!) Scan the QR code.



Hospitals, Dentists, GPs

Brighton is a small city, so you're never far from medical assistance if you need it. Royal Sussex County Hospital is located in Kemptown, just a five-minute drive to the East of Brighton Pier.

Everyone who lives in Brighton and Hove is entitled to register with a GP. This is the case for people from all walks of life, including students who are only based here for some of the year. Practices generally take patients from within a certain geographical boundary of their surgery; the exact size of the boundary differs between practices.

Local doctors can be found using the 'Find Your Nearest' search function on brightonandhoveccg.nhs.uk/your-health/gps. You can then call the practice to check that they are accepting new patients from your area and register.

Other local health resources include:

Sexual health

Brighton central Sexual Health and Contraception Centre (SHAC)
Morley St
Brighton
BN2 9RE
Walk-ins welcome
01273 067070

SHAC East (Claude Nicol Centre)
Eastern Road
Brighton
BN2 5BE
Appointments and under 25s welcome
01273 523388
Brightonsexualhealth.com

Drugs and alcohol help

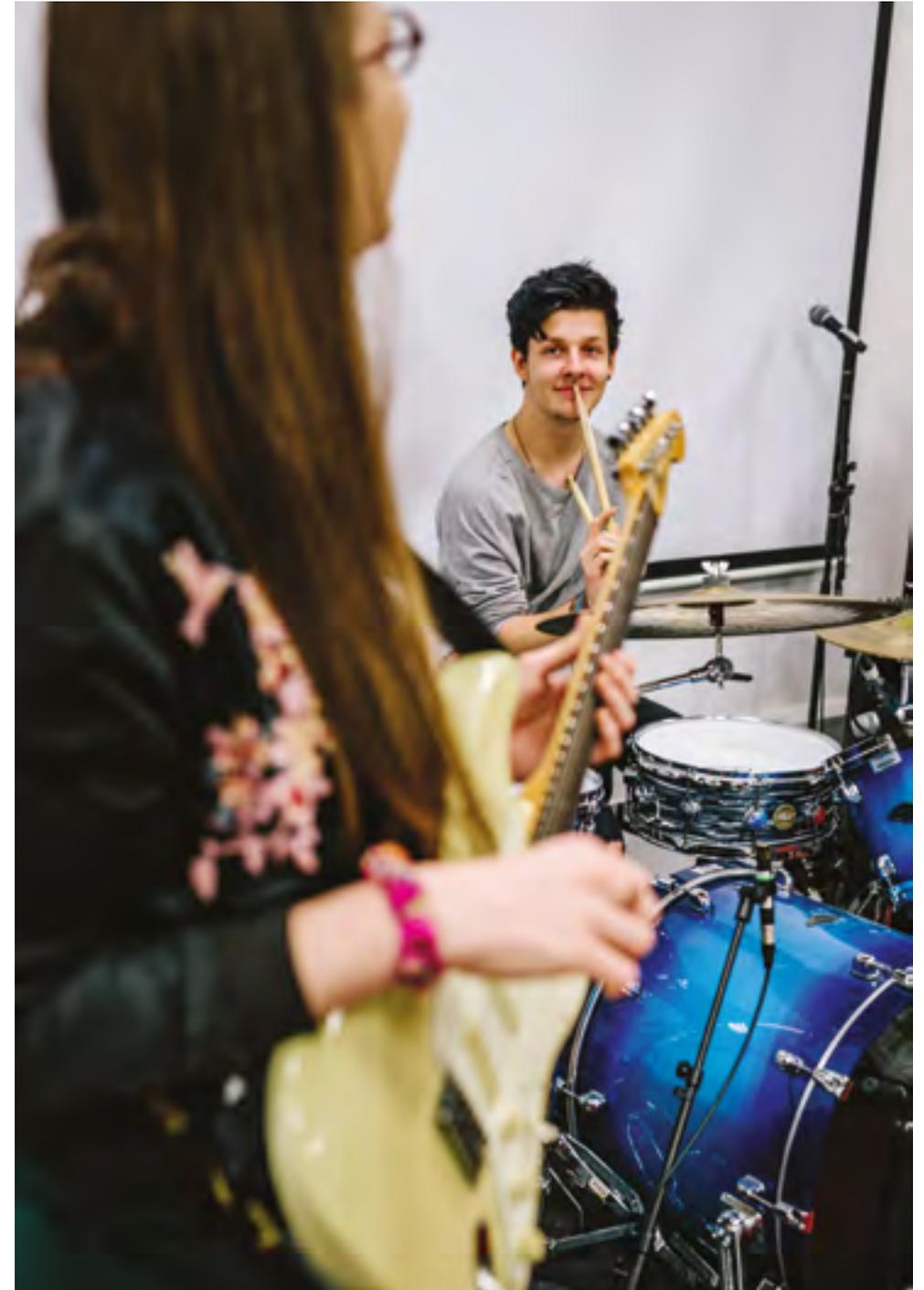
Adult drug and alcohol services for residents of Brighton & Hove:

Richmond House
Richmond Road
Brighton
BN2 3RL
01273 731900 / 0800 014 9819
info@pavilions.org.uk

Closest bus stop:
Sainsbury's, Lewes Road, bus no. 23 / 49 / 25 / 37 / 50 / 78

Frank

Friendly, confidential and honest advice on drugs can be found at:
Talktofrank.com
Drinkaware.co.uk





Music resources

For a relatively small city, Brighton is jam-packed with music venues, record labels, promotions companies and music businesses and retailers. Here's a list of some of the key highlights.

Rehearsal spaces

We've already mentioned our close ties with Brighton Electric - one of the city's premier studio recording and live rehearsal facilities, but there's plenty more on offer too. Here's a list of other popular rehearsal spaces in the city:

- Small Pond
- Monster Studios
- St James Music Studio
- Under The Bridge
- Pirate Studios
- Black Rock Subway Studios
- Campbell Road Music Studios

Recording studios/production houses

- Brighton Electric
 - Small Pond Studios
 - South Lanes Studios
 - AudioBeach Studios
 - Metway Studios
 - Pirate Studios
 - Blue Dot Studios
- and more...

Venues

Chalk, The Green Door Store, Brighton Dome, The Corn Exchange, Patterns, Casablanca Jazz Club, Concorde 2, Hope & Ruin, The Quadrant, Komedia, The Prince Albert, The Mesmerist, St Batholomew's Church, Brighton Electric, Cowley Club, The Brighton Centre, Brighthelm Centre, The Old Market (T.O.M), Back Beat Bar, The Black Dove, Latest Music Bar, The Hobgoblin, Idle Hands, Brighton Music Hall, The Black Lion, The Cricketers, The Western, Fiddlers Elbow, The Brunswick, St George's Church, the Pipeline, The Caroline Of Brunswick, The Richmond, The North Laine, Latest Music Bar, The Arch, The Verdict, The Folklore Rooms, The Pipeline, Bleach

Nightclubs

- Volks
- Prizm
- Coalition
- The Arch
- Tempest
- Shooshh!

Festivals

- Pride
- The Great Escape
- Brighton Festival
- Brighton Fringe
- Paddle Round The Pier

Radio stations

- Trickstar
- Capital South
- Gaydio
- Code South
- Radio Reverb
- BBC Sussex
- Platform B1
- 1BTN

Retailers

- GAK
- Hobgoblin Music
- Badlands Guitars
- Ackerman Music
- Brighton Guitars

Record labels

- Pool Valley
 - Jalapeno Records
 - Republic of Music
 - FatCat Records
 - QM Records
- and more...



Join us in Brighton

To apply to BIMM Institute Brighton, book an audition or ask us a question, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We can't wait for you to join us in this incredible city – and start your career (and life) in music.

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