

BA (HONS) COMMUNITY AND APPLIED THEATRE / BA (HONS) COMMUNITY AND APPLIED DANCE THEATRE: GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS

Completing our online application form

You will need to create a username and password (four to eight characters) before you can apply online. You can work through the form at your own pace, saving as you go along. You will need to provide information on your previous and current education, employment and English language ability, as well as a personal statement and a referee. We recommend you write your personal statement offline and paste it into the application form.

What should I include in my personal statement?

Your personal statement should cover your interests, accomplishments and personal ambitions. You should list any training in theatre and/or work in the community that you have undertaken (including voluntary work). You should also tell us whether you have applied to any other CDS Drama Schools and/or universities (and if so, which ones) and whether you have applied to Birmingham School of Acting previously.

How long should my personal statement be?

Your personal statement should be about 500 words in length and written in essay style. You should give your personal statement the same amount of care and attention as your audition: be sure to cover all the elements requested above, proof-read it carefully and check your spelling before submitting it with your application.

What does my reference need to include?

Your referee should be someone who is not a family member. Your referee should focus on commenting on your stamina and character – in particular, your ability to sustain rigorous training. He or she should also comment on your suitability for study at degree level and your suitability to pursue a specialised course in your chosen area.

Will I be interviewed?

Admission to the BA (Hons) Community and Applied Theatre and BA (Hons) Community and Applied Dance Theatre courses is via interview. We will contact you to discuss the process and to arrange an interview after we have received and read your application. Before completing your application you should ensure that you have read the guidance in this document and on our website regarding the interview process.

You will be invited to an interview with the Course Director or a member of the teaching staff. We would like you to come and talk to us about who you are and tell us more about your interest in the course. The interview process gives you the opportunity to see the space that you will be working in, meet some of the people who will be teaching you and to ask questions about the course and everything it involves. It is possible that you might be involved in a short workshop or asked to participate in a practical drama or dance exercise.

What happens next?

OFFER OF A PLACE

Following an audition and/or interview, one of the following outcomes is possible:

- You are offered an unconditional place
This means that you have a place on the course for which you applied. This offer is only for the year in which you apply.
- You are offered a conditional place
This means that you will have a place on the course for which you applied if you attain the required academic qualifications. This offer is only for the year in which you apply.
- You are offered a reserve place on the course.
This is the most common outcome. It indicates that you have reached an acceptable standard, but because applications and auditions/interviews happen throughout the year we cannot allocate all places on a course until the auditions/interviews have been completed.
- You are not offered a place on the course
You cannot re-apply for a place on the same course in the same academic year.

APPEALING AGAINST AN UNSUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW

If you wish to appeal against a decision you should contact the Senior Administrator (Admissions and Enrolment), [Marie Greene](#), within 14 days of notification to receive a copy of the Appeals Policy. An appeals panel, led by a senior member of staff who was not involved in your interview, will investigate thoroughly any grounds for appeal and will notify you of the outcome.

Directions to Birmingham School of Acting at Millennium Point by Road

Millennium Point is clearly signposted from all main routes into the city – simply follow the brown tourist signs. Currently, there are major road works in the vicinity of Millennium Point and access routes may change on a regular basis. You may need to follow diversion routes where indicated.

From M6, Junction 6 (Aston Expressway)

Follow signs to City Centre on the A38(M). After the first exit follow signs for Ring Road and Convention Centre. You immediately come to Dartmouth Circus roundabout. Take the first exit (Dartmouth Middleway, A4540). At the next roundabout take the third exit onto Jennens Road.

From M5, Junction 3 (Hagley Road)

Follow the A456 into Birmingham for approximately 6 miles, through the tunnel at Five Ways, onto Broad Street. Follow signs for the A38 (Aston Expressway) onto Great Charles Queensway. Proceed under the tunnel at St Chad's Queensway. Indicate left as you exit and go down to the island at the bottom. Take the third exit onto James Watt Queensway. Continue onto Chapel Street, then turn left at the traffic lights onto Jennens Road. Go all the way round the next roundabout to return along Jennens Road.

From M42, Junction 6 (Coventry Road)

Follow A45 City Centre for approximately 7 miles. You will then reach a large traffic roundabout (Bordesley Circus). Follow signs for the M6 into Watery Lane Middleway. At the first roundabout, follow signs for the M6. At the second roundabout, take the second exit into Lawley Middleway. At the third roundabout (Ashted Circus) take the first left onto Jennens Road.

Car Parking at Millennium Point

The Car Park at the front of Millennium Point has closed due to the building of the Eastside City Park. Curzon Street is also currently closed due to building work in the area, including Phase 1 of Birmingham City University's new City Centre Campus.

There is a new multi-storey car park owned and managed by Birmingham City Council situated adjacent to Millennium Point. The car park entrance is on Howe Street off **Jennens Road**. If you are using a sat nav please use the postcode **B4 7AP**.

Charges at the time of writing are:

Up to 1hr - £1.00

Up to 3hrs - £2.80

Up to 6hrs - £4.00

Up to 2hrs - £1.90

Up to 4hrs - £3.50

Over 6hrs (up to 24hrs) - £5.00

Please retain your entry ticket on entering the Car Park. Payment is via machines located inside the car park building at the end of your visit. At present this car park only takes cash and does not accept card payments. There is a cash machine available inside Millennium Point on Level 0.

Walking from Birmingham New Street Station or Birmingham Moor Street Station

If you have arrived into Birmingham New Street, leave the station via the main entrance, exit to the left of the escalators and follow the path around to the Rotunda building and continue following the signs for Moor St Station. Moor Street Station is situated on Moor Street Ringway. (If you have arrived into Birmingham Moor Street, turn right out of the station and continue as follows.) Walk along Moor Street Ringway over the set of traffic lights; Birmingham Metropolitan College-Mathew Boulton Campus is on your left. After the traffic lights Moor Street Ringway becomes Jennens Road. Walk a further 400m and Millennium Point is located on your right.

Other directions, including directions from buses etc, are available on the [Millennium Point website](#).



We Are Here

