Gloucestershire College Higher Awards Ceremony FAQs

Ceremony to be held on Friday 13th November 2026.

How do I book my ticket?

Every graduate will need to book a FREE graduate ticket to confirm their attendance at https://gchigherawards.co.uk/ by **Monday 2nd November 2026** to guarantee a ticket. Please have your student number to hand.

Select your graduate ticket/guest tickets and go to your basket/checkout.

You will then need to **register a new account**.

Once you have done this, please go straight to checkout (or continue shopping) you **do not** need to link to your student account.

Graduate tickets are only available to students with an invite. If you think you should have received an invite, but have not received one by mid-October, please contact hannah.minchew@gloscol.ac.uk.

The store is an external site not linked to GC Microsoft accounts, you should be able to create a new account which will then let you check out at the store.

Can I book tickets for guests?

You can book tickets for your guests using the same link as booking your graduate ticket. There is a charge of £10.00 per guest to attend.

Tickets will initially be limited to THREE guests per graduate due to seating capacity until Friday 23rd October.

Further guest tickets will then become available on a first-come-first-served basis subject to availability. Please check online at https://gchigherawards.co.uk/

Guest ticket sales close on **Monday 9th November**.

Will I get my certificate on the day?

You will not be presented your certificate at the ceremony. Your certificate will be posted out as soon as the College receives it.

What do I need to wear?

The graduation ceremony is a celebration of all that you have achieved over your course, and therefore we ask people to wear smart clothes, it is not advised to wear jeans or trainers. Please wear appropriate footwear for walking up and down the stage steps.

You will also be required to wear graduation robes, which can be ordered from

https://www2.edeandravenscroft.com/graduation/

Your robes will be fitted by a member of the Ede and Ravenscroft team but may be helpful to bring one or two safety pins to secure your hood (a buttoned shirt or blouse would enable you to hook on the hood).

How do I order my graduation robes?

You will need to order your robes in good time from

https://www2.edeandravenscroft.com/graduation/

All robes must be ordered by Monday 2nd November 2026.

When ordering your robes online, please select 'Graduation Services' from the main menu, and then use the graduation hub. Select 'Gloucestershire College' under institution details and select continue.

Please then add your Student ID, Surname and Email address as they are shown on your invitation letter before pressing submit.

You will then be asked to confirm the event details – Gloucester Cathedral, 13 November 2026, 14:00

When you click continue the award details page will already have the option you need to confirm to ensure you select the correct robes.

These details can be found at the bottom of the second page on your postal invite.

All robes will be delivered to the Cathedral and an area will be set aside for the collection, fitting and return of robes on the day.

What do my guests need to wear?

Guests are advised to dress as if they are going to a formal occasion.

Can I get official photography on the day?

Official photography can be booked along with your robes from

https://www2.edeandravenscroft.com/graduation/

On arrival to the Cathedral you'll be directed to where you will collect your robes and have official photographs taken, you'll need to return your gown as soon as possible after the ceremony. Official graduation robes must be worn to graduate.

What happens on the day?

What time do I need to arrive?

You'll need to arrive between 11am and 1pm to register, at this time you'll be asked to pick up your gown from the assigned area in the Cathedral and get your pre-booked photograph taken.

The ceremony starts at 2pm, anyone late to register will be marked as absent and will not have their name read out during the ceremony.

Once you have registered and collected your gown you are able to leave the Cathedral should you wish but you must return for 1:30pm.

Where will I be seated?

We ask that all graduates please find their seat immediately after registration; your seat will have your name on it. Please do not rearrange the names on the seats as they have been set out in a particular order.

Please ensure that you and your guests have taken their seats by 1:50pm as this is when you will receive instructions about the ceremony from the head usher.

Where will my guests be seated?

Please note guests will not be seated with graduates.

Guest seating is not allocated, however we ask that all guests are seated by 1:50pm. Guests will not be able to enter the Cathedral after this time.

How long is the graduation ceremony?

The ceremony will begin at 2pm and will finish at approximately 4pm. You'll be invited onto the stage with the rest of your graduating class. Please be aware of this if you are bringing young children with you as this length of time if often beyond the tolerance of many young children. We politely request that the parent/guardian(s) of young children sit in a position that enables them to exit the Cathedral easily if the child becomes unsettled.

Will I need to give a case study?

The Gloucestershire College Communications team will be at the ceremony ready to collect information about what you've been doing since your course. We may also want to take your photo to use as part of your case study, more information on this will be handed out on the day.

How do I find the Cathedral?

The full address for Gloucester Cathedral is:

12 College Green
Gloucester
GL1 2LX

Does the Cathedral have disabled access?

There is a level approach to the main entrance and the door is wheelchair accessible. The flooring within the cathedral is made primarily of stone and care should be taken as it is uneven in places. For more information on access arrangements within the Cathedral please visit their website Accessibility | Gloucester Cathedral

Where can I park at the Cathedral?

Visitors can be dropped off in front of the Cathedral, however there is no public parking on site. There are several car parks in the centre of Gloucester, just a couple of minutes away. You can find out more information here https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/visit/plan-your-visit/ .

Who can I contact if I have any further questions?

More information about the Cathedral can be found https://gloucestercathedral.org.uk/.

For any further enquiries please contact hannah.minchew@gloscol.ac.uk.