

# Graduation Ceremony 2025

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## Top 10 Tips for Graduation!



Your graduation day is going to be one of the most memorable events in your life - a chance to celebrate your academic achievements in the company of family, friends and colleagues.

We've put together our top ten tips to help you prepare and make the most of your Graduation Day.

### Top Tip Number 1 – Eat a really good breakfast!

As you'll find out, graduation ceremonies are the longest thing in the world with lots of hanging about even before the ceremony starts. You'll survive a lot better if your tummy isn't rumbling. So make sure you fill up on lots of food and water beforehand so you're ready for anything.

### Top Tip Number 2 – Timing is everything!

It's important that you read all the ceremony details ahead of the day to ensure that everything runs smoothly and on time. We'll be back in touch before the ceremony with a detailed running order of the day. Keep checking your emails and make sure you know all the key timings. If you aren't registered on time, you might not be able to take part in the ceremony.

### Top Tip Number 3 – The gowns are complicated.

When you first put on your gown and hood it might feel strange. Ask Ede and Ravenscroft for help – they'll make sure you're wearing everything correctly. Then wear with pride! Once gowned, there's lots of opportunities for brilliant photos.

### Top Tip Number 4 – Fancy footwear.

Everyone wants you to look good on their big day – after all, you deserve to look and feel your best! Do remember though that you'll be on your feet for a long time. So, try and wear comfortable footwear that won't leave you hobbling across the stage.

### Top Tip Number 5 – Try not to rush across the stage!

We know that you will be nervous, but staff will be on hand to make sure you know what you're doing.

This is your moment - walk slower than usual, acknowledge the person giving you your award, be yourself and enjoy your moment. And remember, smile for the camera!

### **Top Tip Number 6 – Get snapping!**

Graduation will be one of the most memorable days of your life. Make sure to capture it all with lots of photos. Our social media channels will be in full graduation mode on the day. Happy snapping!

### **Top Tip Number 7 – Don't take the speeches for granted.**

It's so easy to dismiss the graduation speeches and clichés. The speaker will no doubt be telling you to "dream big, seek challenges and seize the day". Remember, they have got to where they are today by doing exactly that. Take in everything they tell you – it could be you giving a graduation address in the future.

### **Top Tip Number 8 – Stay in the moment.**

We know that some of the day can be a little boring – we'll do our best to make it as enjoyable as we can. Family and friends can be stressful. Your timings might not go to plan. No matter what happens, do your best to appreciate every minute of the day – you'll look back and laugh at things that didn't go to plan (we certainly do).

### **Top Tip Number 9 – Keep in touch.**

The Conservatoire is overwhelmingly proud of all its graduates. You now join a community of thousands of RCS alumni across the globe and we hope you will keep in touch through the [Alumni team](#).

### **Top Tip Number 10 – Enjoy yourself!**

Your graduation ceremony is the result of all your hard work and academic success. Enjoy the day and be proud of all you have achieved.

Congratulations to everyone who will be graduating in our Summer 2025 Graduation Ceremonies. Everyone here at the Conservatoire is wishing you the best of luck with all your future endeavours.

**If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us  
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