

Volunteer Guide

This guide contains key information for Graduation Days 2026 on Tuesday 2 and Wednesday 3 June.

Order of ceremonies

Tuesday 2 June

10.30: Faculty of Engineering: Aeronautics, Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil and Environmental Engineering, Computing, IMSE

13.30: Faculty of Engineering: Design Engineering, Earth Science and Engineering, Electrical and Electronic Engineering, Grantham Institute (formerly Energy Futures Lab), Materials, Mechanical Engineering

16.30: Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Higher Education Research and Scholarship, and Centre for Languages, Culture and Communication

Wednesday 3 June

10.30: Faculty of Natural Sciences

13.45: Imperial Business School: MBA, Finance Suites and Doctoral

16.45: Imperial Business School: Management and Specialised Suites

Key locations

Graduand Check-in & Gowning

Ethos Sports Centre

Photography

Queen's Tower Rooms

Faculty Receptions

Prince's Gardens Marquee

Live Stream

Sir Alexander Fleming Building G16

Gown Return & Stage Photography

City and Guilds Building

Important information

There are three steps graduands must complete on the day:

1. Check-in and collect their graduation envelope from Ethos Sports Centre.
2. Collect their Ede & Ravenscroft gown before their ceremony from Ethos Sports Centre (unless they have hired/bought their own gown).

3. Arrive at the Royal Albert Hall in plenty of time for their ceremony. They should arrive at the Royal Albert Hall from 45 minutes before the ceremony begins.

Graduand e- ticket email

A graduand e-ticket (with QR code) was sent to graduands on 20.05.2026 from Imperial-College@idloom.events ***

This email contains a QR code which graduands should use to:

- Check-in on the day in Ethos Sports Centre***
- Collect their gown in Ethos Sports Centre
- Access the Royal Albert Hall* and identify their seat number
- Attend their Faculty Reception - if applicable (guests have a separate pass**)

*Guest ceremony tickets for the Royal Albert Hall were sent separately from e-tickets@royalalberthall.com

**Guest Faculty Reception passes were sent to graduands on 20.05.2026 from Imperial-College@idloom.events

***If a graduand cannot locate their e-ticket, please direct them to the info desk at check-in in Ethos Sports Centre

Check-in and gown collection

Check-in and gown collection will be open at the following times:

Tuesday 2 June

07.30–09.30: Ceremony 1

10.30–12.30: Ceremony 2

13.30–15.30: Ceremony 3

Wednesday 3 June

07.30–09.30: Ceremony 1

10.30–12.30: Ceremony 2

13.30–15.30: Ceremony 3

Arriving late

Direct late graduands to the Information Desk in Ethos Sport Centre.

On the day gown hire

There are a limited number of gowns available to hire on the day. Direct all gowning inquiries to Ede & Ravenscroft in Ethos Sport Centre.

Gown Drop-off

Gowns must be returned to Ede & Ravenscroft in the City and Guilds Building by:

22.00 - Tuesday 2 June

22.00 - Wednesday 3 June

Late returns may incur an additional cost, and the graduand will need to post the gown back to Ede & Ravenscroft.

Photography

Photography will be available in the Queen's Tower Rooms between:

07.30-22.00 - Tuesday 2 June

07.30-22.00 - Wednesday 3 June

Graduands can visit photography at any time throughout the day. They should be reminded to leave enough time to get to their ceremony or Faculty Reception (if applicable).

On-stage photography

This can be collected from the City and Guilds Building, where gown drop-off is also located.

Photo opportunities

- IMPERIAL letters: Dalby Court
- Congratulations backdrop: Dalby Court
- Floral display: University Main Entrance
- Business School Sign: Business School
- Queen's Tower Lion statues: Queen's Lawn
- Imperial Deck Chair: Queen's Lawn
- Graduation Mirror: Queen's Lawn
- Imperial Mascots: Outside the Royal Albert Hall
- Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Steps: Outside the Royal Albert Hall
- Graduation Bench: Beit Quad in the Student Union

Graduands and guests can use **#OurImperial** to share photos and memories of graduation.

Alumni Engagement

Graduands will receive their alumni pin in an envelope when they check-in in Ethos Sports Centre.

If they have opted out of receiving alumni emails, they will be directed to the alumni team, who will be based in Ethos Sports Centre too, to collect their pin. Their email is: alumni@imperial.ac.uk

www.imperial.ac.uk/alumni

Ceremony live streaming

Family and friends who can't attend the ceremony can watch our [livestream](#).

www.imperial.ac.uk/graduation

We will also be showing the live stream in the Sir Alexander Fleming Building in G16. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

Other information

Children

Guest ceremony tickets must be bought for any child two years of age or older. Guest reception passes must be bought for any child six years of age or older.

Children under 16 years of age must always be accompanied by an adult whilst on the university's South Kensington Campus, and by an adult guest of the relevant graduand whilst at the Royal Albert Hall. Please note that it is not possible for a child to sit with a graduand at any time at the Royal Albert Hall.

Guests

Guests are not permitted in the check-in and gowning areas. Please direct them to wait in one of the food and drink outlets open on the day or in areas such as Dalby Court, the Queen's Lawn, or outside the Royal Albert Hall.

Buying tickets on the day

Please direct graduands and guests to Door 12 at the Royal Albert Hall, if they are looking to buy additional ceremony tickets. Tickets can be sold to graduands only. Please note that the Imperial Business School – Ceremony 2 is almost sold out.

No Faculty Reception passes will be available for sale on the day.

Imperial Souvenirs

Imperial merchandise will be available to buy at:

Imperial College Union shop on Sherfield Walkway - 07.30-22.00

Imperial College Union Pop Up shop on Dangoor Plaza - 10.00-20.00

Door 6 at the Royal Albert Hall – Open 45 minutes before each ceremony

Flowers

Flowers will be available to buy on Dangoor Plaza next to the Imperial College Union Pop Up shop.

Food and Drink Outlets

The following food and drink outlets will be available on the day.

Blackett Cafe, Blackett Building	08.00 - 17.00
Business School Café, University Main Entrance	08.30 - 17:30
Chemistry Cafe, Chemistry Building	09.00 - 16.00
Eastside, Prince's Gardens	07.30 - 19.00
Essentials Convenience Store	08.00 - 21.00
Feast, Junior Common Room (JCR)	11.00 - 14.30
Hao Chi (JCR)	11.45 - 14.30
La Cantina (JCR)	11.45 - 14.30
Library Cafe, Abdus Salaam Library	08.00 - 22.00
Lumen Café, EEE Building	08.00 - 16.00
Loud Bird, Sir Alexander Fleming (SAF)	08.00 - 16.00
Pret a Manger, University Main Entrance	06.00 - 20.00
Royal School of Mines Café	8.30 - 16.30

Accessibility

We want to ensure all graduands have the best experience possible as they celebrate their graduation.

The Royal Albert Hall is wheelchair accessible and has hearing loop capability. If graduands or guests attending have any accessibility queries for the Royal Albert Hall, they can be directed to the Royal Albert Hall team at Door 12.

We also have step-free access across the South Kensington campus, and we have included a map of step-free routes below. We will also have information desks located in the University Main Entrance, outside the Queen's Tower Rooms (ground floor, Sheffield), and on Prince's Gardens, so please direct graduands to these desks if they have any questions or concerns on the day.

Quiet Room

There will be a Quiet Room located on the lower ground floor of the Business School in LG19B next to the Volunteer Hub.

Multi-Faith Prayer Rooms

Multi-Faith Centre at 15 Prince's Gardens (next to Weeks Building)

Nursing Room

EENG-210 (situated on the Sheffield Walkway, between the Electrical and Electronic Engineering Building and the Junior Common Room). Go to Faculty Building reception to sign out the key.

Security

If you need to report any incidents to security during the day, including first aid requests, please contact security control on 020 7589 1000, and a member of the security team will attend.

Map

Please follow this link to access the [Graduation Days 2026 Map](#).

Water Fountains

Drinking water locations on campus can be found here: [Hydration Station Map](#)

Find out more about graduation

For key information for graduands please access the Graduand Guide here: [Graduand Guide | Imperial students | Imperial College London](#)

For frequently asked questions: [Frequently asked questions | Imperial students | Imperial College London](#)

Contact on the day

Jessica Leung (Volunteer Team Leader, Volunteer Hub, Ground Floor Business School, LG19A) - 07517 551 938

Joanna Stachowicz (Check-in Team Leader, Ethos Sports Centre) - 07566 950 960

Francesca Secola (Receptions Team Leader) - 020 7594 6131

Security Control - 020 7589 1000

<http://www.imperial.ac.uk/graduation>

Timings Overview

Tuesday 2 June	Ceremony start time	Estimated ceremony duration	Check-in and gown collection	Faculty Receptions
Faculty of Engineering – Ceremony 1	10.30	1 hour and 25 minutes	07.30 - 09.30	12.00 – 13.30
Faculty of Engineering – Ceremony 2	13.30	1 hour and 15 minutes	10.30 – 12.30	14.50 – 16.20
Faculty of Medicine, Centre for Higher Education Research and Scholarship, and Centre for Languages, Culture and Communication	16.30	1 hour and 40 minutes	13.30 – 15.30	18.15 – 19.45
Wednesday 3 June	Ceremony start time	Estimated ceremony duration	Check-in and gown collection	Faculty Receptions
Faculty of Natural Sciences	10.30	1 hour and 20 minutes	07.30 - 09.30	12.00 - 13.30
Imperial Business School – Ceremony 1	13.45	1 hour and 10 minutes	10.30 - 12.30	15.00 – 16.30
Imperial Business School – Ceremony 2	16.45	1 hour and 35 minutes	13.30 – 15.30	18.30 – 20.00