

WEST COLLEGE
SCOTLAND



Graduation Ceremony

Graduand Information

What happens on the day?

Paisley Abbey
Abbey Close
Renfrewshire
PA1 1LS



Registration

The Paisley Methodist Church (2 Gauze St, Paisley PA1 1EP) will be open **two hours** before the start of the Ceremony. Graduands and Guests should enter the Church by the Main Entrance on Gauze Street.

We ask that you register at the Graduand Registration Desk, where you will be given a seat number.

Registration is located in Reception. You will be asked to **take your seat in the Paisley Abbey 30 minutes** before the Ceremony commences. As the Paisley Abbey is a short walk away we ask that you give yourself ample time as it will be very busy.

Please sit in the seat you were given at Registration, as seating plan has been developed to reflect the order you proceed on stage.

Please remember if you do not register your name will **NOT** be announced out at the Ceremony.

Gowning and Photography

Once you have registered you may proceed to gown hire and photography. We have commissioned the services of Success Photography Scotland as our official gowning/photographer for the West College Scotland's Ceremonies. The Gowning Service and The Photography Studio (located in The Lesser Hall) will be open two hours prior to the Ceremony commencing and you may have your portrait taken either before or after.

Don't worry if you have missed the cut off date for ordering a gown, there will be gowns available to hire on the day. Likewise you do not need to pre book your photography, you can order on the day.

However, we strongly suggest that you book in advance to take advantage of any online savings.

If you need to contact Success Gowning and Photography in advance of the Ceremony, telephone **01293 822 211** between **9.00am** and **5.00pm**, Monday to Friday.

The Ceremony

The Ceremony starts with a piper welcoming the Principal and the Platform Party on stage -we ask all Graduands and Guests who are able, to be upstanding at this point. As the Chair of the Board of Management approaches the lectern, Graduands and Guests may be seated once again.

Going on Stage

Staff will signal when it is time for you to rise from your seat and form an orderly line. When your name is announced you will walk on stage, shake hands with the Principal, receive your certificate and proceed to the opposite side of the stage, where you will return to your seat.

Course Prize-winners will be invited back on stage to collect their prizes after the last person has graduated from their class.



Ceremony Closing and Refreshments

At the end of the Ceremony we ask all Graduates to file out and follow the Platform Party down the middle aisle to exit the Abbey. Afterwards, we invite you to join us for complimentary refreshments in the Paisley Methodist Church to toast your success.

Guidelines on Recommended Dress

Females

It is recommended that either a black dress or white blouse with dark skirt and dark shoes be worn. When selecting your heel height, please consider that you will be walking up and down stairs and across the stage!

Males

It is recommended that a suit, shirt and dark shoes be worn. National dress may also be worn.

Special Requirements

In order that we can accommodate all Graduands and Guests comfortably, please advise the Graduation Team on 0141 587 3377 if you, or any of your guests, have any specific requirements for the day (e.g mobility assistance etc).

Mobile Phones

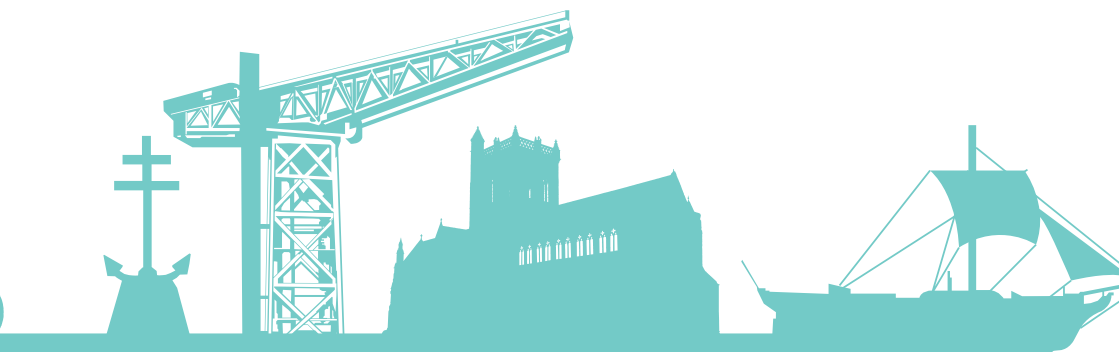
We ask that you place all mobile phones on 'silent mode' for the duration of the Ceremony.

Car Parking

On street metered car parking is available on the side streets surrounding the Abbey..

Graduation Memorabilia

- ▶ An official complimentary programme listing all Graduates will be available on the day.
- ▶ Graduation Teddies (£7.50) will be available to purchase from the Registration Desk before and after the Ceremony.
- ▶ A Graduation feature highlighting Paisley Campus Graduates will be published the week following the Graduation - more information will follow on this.



Contact Us

If you have any queries, please contact your campus Graduation Office.

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