

ELY CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 1 JUNE 2024



Congratulations and welcome to your ceremony!

REGISTRATION

Having registered, you will have your ceremony tickets (also your celebratory drink voucher), presentation card and graduate directories. Please keep your presentation card with you as you will need this when you go on stage. If you have any queries during the day, please visit the Enquiries desk, situated at Registration and our team will be happy to help.

ROBING

If you have arranged to hire academic dress through Ede & Ravenscroft Ltd, you can collect it from the Lady Chapel (location 4 on the map, on the reverse). Please note, that mortarboards are not permitted to be worn during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, all hired robes should be returned to the collection point in the Old Palace Gardens (location 2).

PHOTOGRAPHY

Ede & Ravenscroft photography studios are located in the Hayward Theatre (location 3). Scrolls and mortarboards will be available to borrow for your photographs. Please allow plenty of time for photography as it can become busy during peak times.

A photograph will also be taken of you when you cross the stage. This photograph will be available to purchase after the ceremony from the sales desk at the Old Palace (location 2).

THE CEREMONY

Cathedral doors will open approximately 45 minutes before the official ceremony start time. A musical programme from the Cathedral organist will feature before the ceremony. Please note that graduates are seated together in the Nave, but guest seating is not allocated. Graduates and guests should be seated no later than 15 minutes before the ceremony starts.

The ceremony will start with a short film, followed by the arrival of the academic procession. The Presiding Officer will declare the ceremony open, and the presentation of graduates will begin.

When it is your turn to be presented, marshals will direct you where to go. **Please keep your presentation card with you to hand over when you reach the stage.** If you are leaving any belongings by your seat, please make sure they are tucked out of the way and not obstructing the path of other graduates or staff.

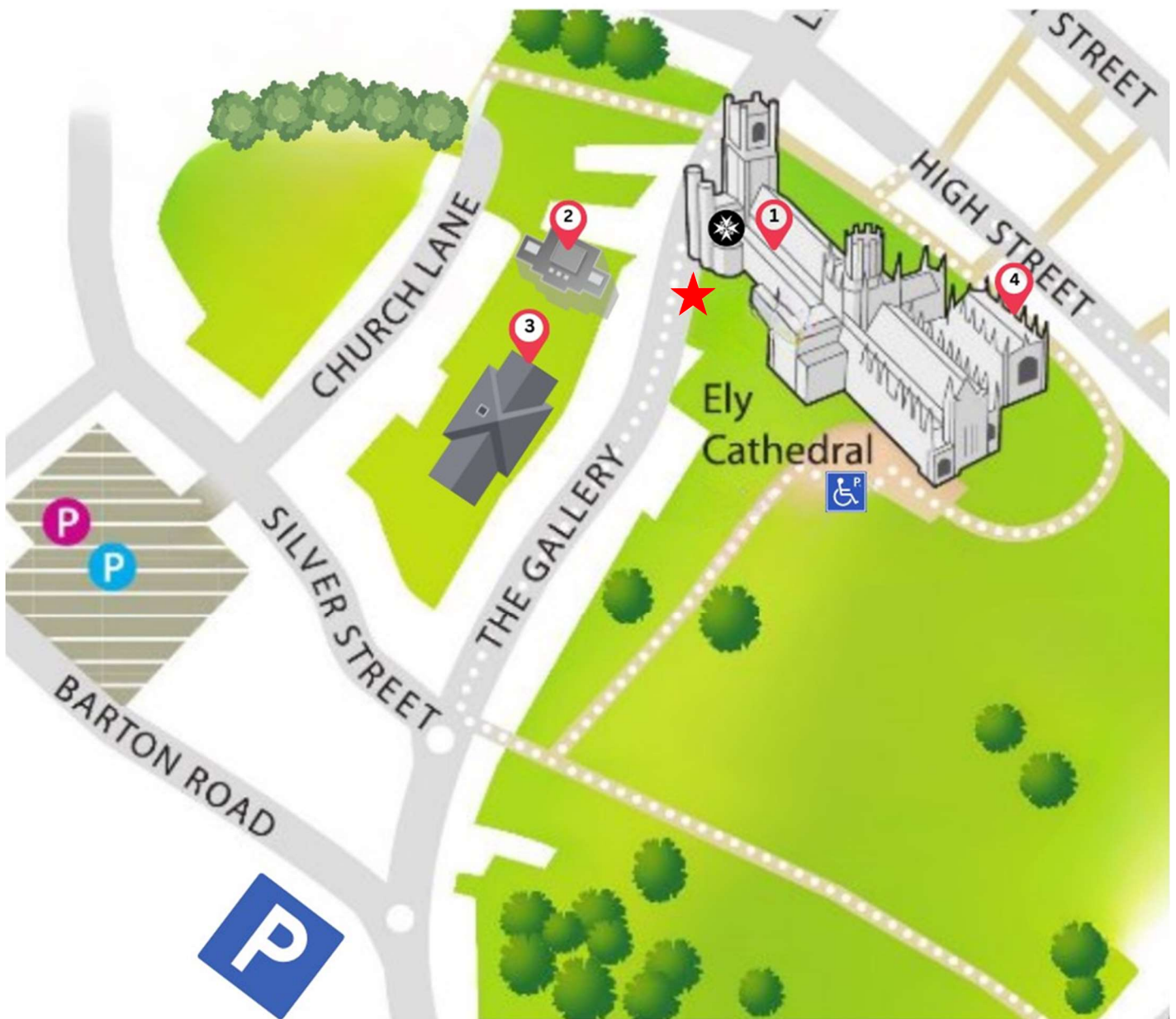
REFRESHMENTS









There are many cafes and restaurants within a short walk of the Cathedral.

Immediately after the ceremony, you are warmly invited to join your fellow graduates and guests for a celebratory drink in the Old Palace Gardens (location 2). **Please arrange to meet your guests in the Old Palace Gardens rather than directly outside the Cathedral as this causes crowding and prevents other guests from leaving the Cathedral safely.**

DON'T FORGET...

...to visit the Open University Students Association (OUSA), located at the Hayward Theatre (location 3) to meet the team and purchase OU merchandise.



-  **Ely Cathedral** (Degree ceremony)
-  **Old Palace** (Post-ceremony drinks, gown return & award photo sales)
-  **Hayward Theatre** (Graduate photography & OU Students Association stand)
-  **Lady Chapel** (Registration & graduate robing)
-  **Drop-off point**
-  **Pre-booked disabled parking**
-  **First aid point** (St John Ambulance)
-  **Guest parking** (at King's Ely School)