

# Dear Graduand

Congratulations! Our award ceremonies are a major highlight of the academic year and we are delighted that you're able to attend your graduation ceremony.

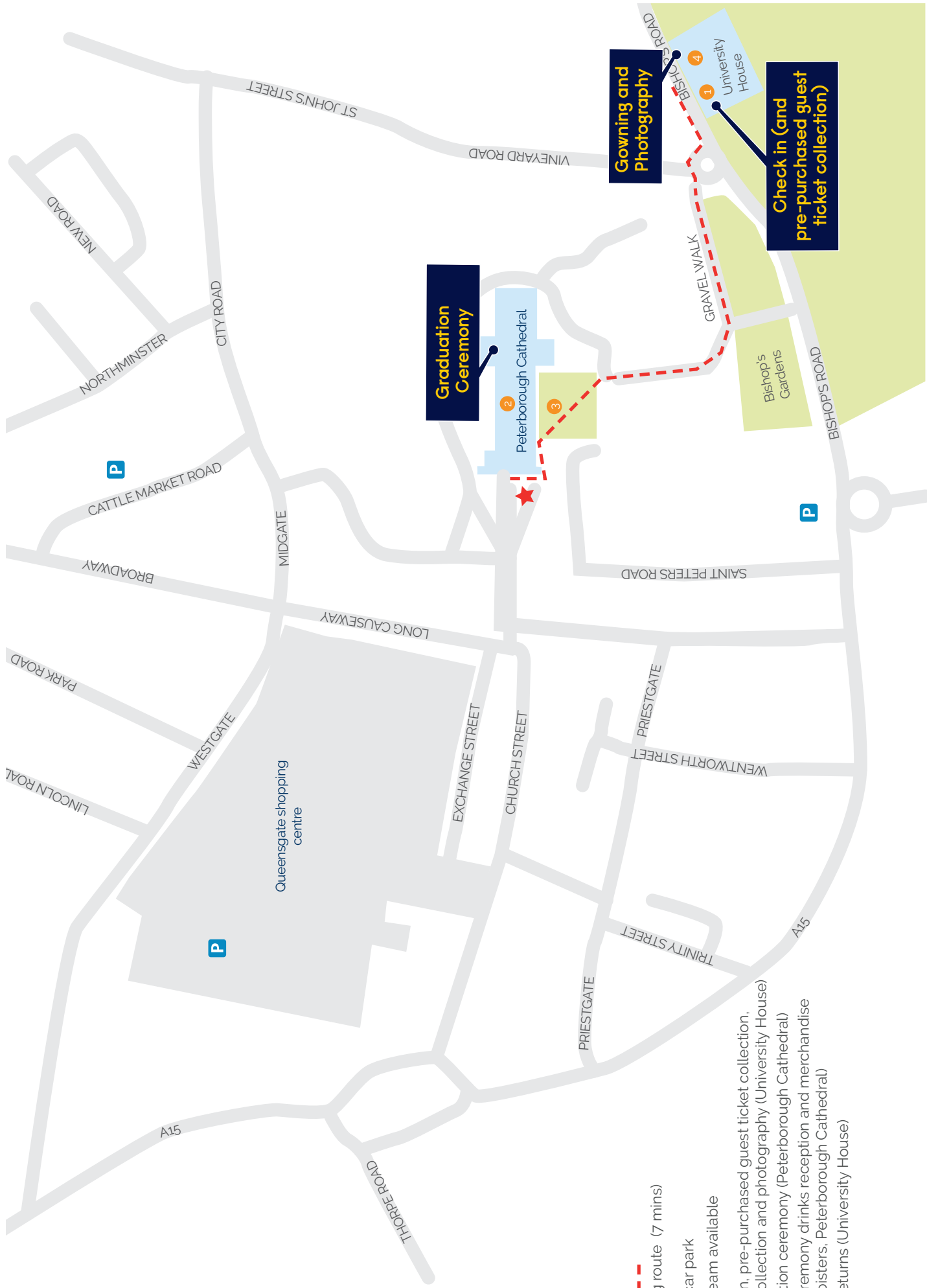
If anything is amiss, please do not hesitate to contact us via email [graduation@aru.ac.uk](mailto:graduation@aru.ac.uk) or call us on **01245 687144**. Please read the following information in order to make the most of your special day – please also see map overleaf.

## On the day check list:

- 1. Arrival.** Please arrive in plenty of time. It is recommended you arrive at University House, on the Peterborough campus, 2½ hours prior to your ceremony. For information about travelling and parking in Peterborough please visit the Peterborough 'On the day' page via [aru.ac.uk/graduation](http://aru.ac.uk/graduation)
- 2. Check-In.** Please check-in and collect your seating card and any guest tickets purchased. The check-in desks will be located in University House Foyer and staff will be on hand to direct you. Please bring your confirmation from eVision to exchange for your pre-purchased guest tickets.
- 3. Academic Dress.** Please collect your pre-ordered academic dress (gown, hood and mortar board) from Graduation Attire, who will be located in University House. Please remember to bring your gown hire receipt/booking confirmation. Information about gown hire can be found via [aru.ac.uk/graduation](http://aru.ac.uk/graduation) and by clicking on 'Gown Hire'.
- 4. Photography.** If you wish to have your photograph taken in your academic dress, H. Tempest Limited, our official photographers, will be located in University House. Pre-booking is not necessary, but please note check-in, robing and photography will close 1 hour before your ceremony start time. To learn more about the different photography packages available, please visit [aru.ac.uk/graduation](http://aru.ac.uk/graduation) and click on 'Photography'.
- 5. Take your Seat.** Please be seated in Peterborough Cathedral at least 30 minutes before your ceremony start time. The Cathedral doors will be opened one hour before each ceremony and proceedings will begin promptly. For information on the location of the Cathedral, please see overleaf. Once you enter the Cathedral, you will be directed to your seat by an Anglia Ruskin University usher. Your seat is allocated to you and is indicated on your seating card, so please ensure you have your seating card with you. You will be seated in the order you will be called across the stage, so it is important to sit in your allocated seat.
- 6. Guests.** Any guests accompanying you will be seated separately, therefore please ensure they have their tickets with them. Guest seating is not pre-allocated. If any of your guests have special seating requirements, of which we have already been notified, please ask them to report to an Anglia Ruskin University usher 1 ¼ hours before the start of the ceremony. They will then be shown to their seat, which will be reserved under your name and based on requirements. Please note they may not be at the front.
- 7. Enjoy the Ceremony.** Celebrate your hard work and that of your fellow graduands.
- 8. Post-Ceremony Drinks Reception.** Please join us for a celebratory drink at the post-ceremony drinks reception in the Cathedral.
- 9. Merchandise.** Stands offering a variety of merchandise to commemorate your special day will be found in the drinks marquee in the Cloisters of the Cathedral. For a list of items available please visit [aru.ac.uk/graduation-and-alumni/your-graduation-ceremony/memorabilia](http://aru.ac.uk/graduation-and-alumni/your-graduation-ceremony/memorabilia)
- 10. Academic Dress Return.** Please return your academic dress after your ceremony. Unless you have made special arrangements, all items of academic dress should be returned to Graduation Attire, representatives located in University House, on the Peterborough campus.
- 11. Certificates.** Please note that certificates will not be handed out on your graduation day. Please visit [aru.ac.uk/graduation-and-alumni/your-graduation-ceremony/certificate-information](http://aru.ac.uk/graduation-and-alumni/your-graduation-ceremony/certificate-information) for more information on when you will receive your certificate by post.

**We look forward to welcoming you to your graduation day. Should you have any questions on the day, there will be an information desk situated in University House, ARU Peterborough campus.**

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- Walking route (7 mins)
- Public car park
- Live stream available
- Check in, pre-purchased guest ticket collection, gown collection and photography (University House)
- Graduation ceremony (Peterborough Cathedral)
- Post ceremony drinks reception and merchandise (The Cloisters, Peterborough Cathedral)
- Gown returns (University House)

Gowning and Photography

Check in (and pre-purchased guest ticket collection)

Graduation Ceremony

Peterborough Cathedral

University House

Bishop's Gardens

Queensgate shopping centre