

Additional
Learning
Support

Careers in Media



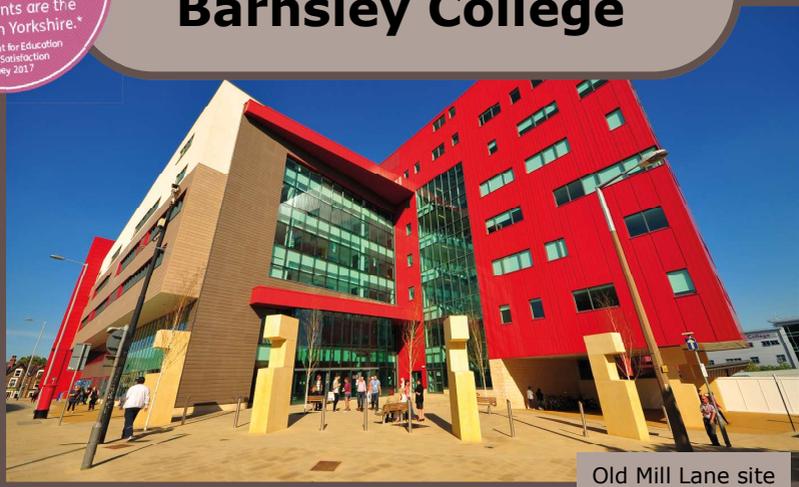
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Welcome to Barnsley College



Old Mill Lane site

Welcome to the Additional Learning Support Guide for Media.

Moving to college is an exciting but worrying time for everyone. We hope our guide will help ease any worries and give you assurance before you start your course in Media and you enjoy yourself whilst at Barnsley College.



Student Services can be found on the ground floor.



Atrium

At Barnsley College, we care about you. We want to give you the knowledge, skills and experience that will help you to progress to the next stage in your career, whether that's university, an apprenticeship or employment. We pride ourselves on transforming lives.

Media have a fantastic range of facilities and the specialist software providing you with the best foundation upon which to build your future.

Getting up to Media



Old Mill Lane Reception

The Old Mill Lane site is a short walk up from Barnsley Interchange. You will be greeted by a busy Reception as you come in from Church Street. A quieter entrance is the Urban Park entrance on the lower ground floor.

From September, all students will use the Urban Park entrance on the lower ground floor. This is easily accessible and is a short walk from the Church Street entrance.

The Media Department is located on the fourth floor. You will need to scan your student ID badge to get access through the barriers. Your student ID badge will be given to you during enrolment. While in college you **must** wear your student ID badge at all times.



Old Mill Lane entrance



There are signs on every floor to help you find your way and lifts to each floor.



Urban Park entrance

Different Learning Environments in **Media**

Media Classroom



Student Profile

Conor Clark

Level 3 Games Design

“My course is enjoyable and creative, I couldn’t ask for a better course. My confidence and independence has improved a lot and I have developed my skills using a computer”



Apple Macs Classroom



The computer rooms can be used during your free time. The Macs are equipped with professional software appropriate to your course. This includes the Adobe Creative Cloud.



For Games Design you will use a range of software which includes the Adobe Creative Cloud, 3D packages for 3D design and you will work with the Unreal and Unity Game Engines.



Student Profile

Harrison Staples
Level 2 Media

"I enjoy how creative I get to be and meeting new people who are interested in the same things as me."

TV Studio



The TV studio is found on the Lower Ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site. There is an editing gallery, a Studio floor along with a Green Screen for adding special effects. The TV studio is fully equipped with recording and editing equipment.



Student Profile

Kyle Peace
Level 3 Games Design

“College is very supportive of me. I have learnt a lot since starting the course such as photography and game design. I would recommend the college because the help and support from tutors and ALS that I receive is a high standard.”

Radio Broadcasting Booth



Student Profile

Gregory Howsam
Level 2 Media

The Radio Broadcasting room is found on the lower ground floor. It is equipped with industry standard recording and broadcasting equipment.

“My course has let me use a range of software for projects. I have learnt how to use Photoshop. The support helps me keep up with the work and improves my morale.”

Lessons



In your Media lessons you will work on projects using a range of professional standard software so being able to work on computers is essential.

You will have a few theory lessons to introduce new processes and techniques which you will need to apply to your projects. Developing your understanding and use of the different software.

You will be assessed throughout the course on your process and how well you can reflect on this. You are assessed through the use of video logs, blogs or podcasts.

Do I need to do English and Maths?

If you have a grade C/4 or above in GCSE English and Maths. You will not have to do them at college.

If you have a GCSE English and Maths below a grade D/3 you will need to attend two GCSE Maths and/or two GCSE English lessons each week. These will be on your timetable. If you are working below this level you can do functional skills instead.

If you have an EHCP it may be possible to exempt you from English and Maths. You can speak to your tutor or ALS about this.





“The two years that I spent at Barnsley College were fantastic and the course was very engaging and informative. I met some great people and it has guided me to the position that I am in today.”

Oliver Martin

College course: Level 3 Interactive Media Extended Diploma

Now: Studying New Media at the University of Leeds

Former Penistone Grammar School ALC pupil

Before You Start College

Application



You can apply for your course at  www.barnsley.ac.uk/media or by using the application form at the back of the course guide. Your school may help you fill your application form in.

Assessment



The ALS team will invite you for an initial assessment to discuss your support needs before you start college. This is before your course interview if you have an EHCP.

Interview



After you apply for your course in Media, you will be invited into college for an interview with one of our tutors.

At your interview you will find out more about the course.

After the interview, you will either be offered a place on the Media course or referred to a more appropriate course.

The Media Department will invite you in for an afternoon taster session so that you can get an idea of what you will be doing when you start in September.

Enrolment

You will be sent an invitation and enrolment pack will be sent out to you at the beginning of August 2018 giving you all the information you will need to enrol onto your study programme at the end of August 2018.

When you come to enrol you will have your photo taken for your student ID badge and will be told when your first day at college will be.

For more information contact our Admission team on  **+44 (0)1226 216 106** or  **interviews@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Support

If you have an EHCP, Additional Learning Support (ALS) will put support in place to help you during your lessons. Both support workers and your tutors will know your support needs and will help you achieve. Our support will depend on your needs and will be discussed during your initial assessment. If you do not have an EHCP, your support will be provided by the Media team.



How do I get Support?

1. When you fill in the application form or you apply online at www.barnsley.ac.uk/media. You will be asked if you have a learning disability/difficulties. If you have your information will be sent to ALS.
2. When you declare a learning need ALS will contact you to organise an initial assessment.
3. The initial assessment is where you meet one of the ALS coordinators, who will discuss your learning needs and how to best support you while in college. A support plan highlighting the support that will be provided to you, will be produced.
4. This will be passed onto the Media Department. We will also send you a copy home.

What to expect during your First Week



In Media, your first two weeks will be induction. You will be expected to attend all the sessions. During induction:

- You will be shown around college allowing you to become familiar with the college and shown the different services that are available
- You will have lessons where you will meet your group allowing you to make new friendships and meet your tutors
- Your tutor will introduce you to the equipment you will be expected to use during your course. They will also show you how to use the equipment safely
- You will be given your timetable
- You will be introduced to key people such as the Safeguarding Representative and the Tutorial Learning Mentor (TLM)



During induction Support workers will be in the sessions to provide support. Support will settle down once timetables have been finalised.

Do you have an EHCP?

Each academic year you will have an annual review of your EHCP which takes place at college. There will be yourself and family members/advocate, TIAG, staff from the college and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. We will also review your EHCP to see if anything needs updating. The meeting can take anything from 1-2 hours.



Are you a Looked After Child?

You will have a meeting three times a year at College, which is called a Personal Education Plan meeting (PEP). There will be yourself and carers/advocate, TIAG, staff from the College and other professionals at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the progress you are making at College, your mid and long term plans, what is working well, what you might require support with and your aspirations for the future. The meeting lasts approximately an hour.

Every looked after child on College roll is entitled to claim the guaranteed bursary which is a payment of £1200 pro rata across the academic year. The purpose of the guaranteed bursary is to facilitate access to education and provide financial support towards such things as travel, food, equipment and kit.

Application for the guaranteed bursary is made through completion and submission of an internal application form into Student Services.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is about doing everything we can to make sure you and everyone in college are kept safe and protected from harm.

At Barnsley College we pride ourselves on going above and beyond to make college a safe, happy and thriving environment for all. It is important to us that anyone coming into college is treated with respect and dignity and feel safe and listened to.



Reporting a safeguarding concern.

If you feel unsafe, you can contact our team on ☎ **+44(0)1226 216 142** or ✉ **safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk**.

Or you can talk to the Media's Safeguarding Representative if you are concerned about your welfare or someone else's. They will be introduced during Induction.

Tutorials

At Barnsley College all learners will have a detailed tutorial programme looking into a range of themes such as bullying, healthy relationships, mental health, radicalisation and cyber safety.

You will also have one to one meetings with the Tutorial Learning Mentor throughout the year to review your progress.

Learning Curve



The Learning Curve is the college's library which can be found on the ground floor and first floor of the Old Mill Lane site. It is an independent study area and has IT facilities on both floors for you to use. The Learning Curve has a quiet work space on the first floor.

IT Suite

On the fourth floor, Media and Music have a Breakout room you can use between lessons. The computer rooms are free for you to use to complete projects in your free time.

You will be given your own log on to access the computer. There are printing facilities close by for you to print your work. There is a charge for printing and photocopying.



Social Areas

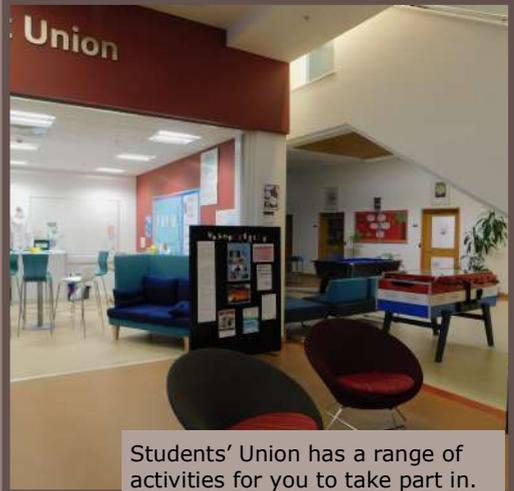
At the Old Mill Lane site there are lots of areas for you to sit and meet with your friends as well as quieter areas for you to go when you need some quiet time.



Urban Park to sit outside



Quiet Pod above the atrium at Old Mill Lane



Students' Union has a range of activities for you to take part in.

Along with the IT suites on second and third floor. There is also a small breakout area on the fourth floor, where you can go to between lessons.

Places to eat



The atrium offers a range of hot and cold food



Cookie Crumbs Café



Crumbs Café



Starbucks Café

Free Meals

If you are aged between 16-18 and have a household income of less than £20,000 per year you may be eligible for free meals at college, please apply to the Learning Support Fund.

College Services



On the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site we have a number of services which you can use. These are:

- Student Services
- Information Unit
- Wellbeing Centre

Health and Wellbeing Centre



Our award-winning Wellbeing Centre is available to everyone and offers confidential advice and a range of health services. We have a dedicated team of people including NHS nurses who will provide advice on counselling, Mental Health Access Team, diet and nutrition advice, contraception and sexual health services, smoking, drugs and alcohol support.

They also hold events across college throughout the year to raise awareness of health issues and update you about the services they offer.

You can speak to someone in confidence by contacting the Health and Wellbeing Team on ☎ **+44(0)1226 216 233**.

College Services

Information Unit



Please contact our friendly information team for more information on the Media courses or any other course you are interested in.
+44(0)1226 216 123.

Student Union



You will find the Student Union in the atrium on the lower ground floor at the Old Mill Lane campus. The Union runs lots of activities, societies and a volunteering scheme.



Student Services



Student Services is on the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane site. They will be able to help you with financial support through the Learning Support Fund, information on the free college bus services and the concessionary travel pass.

Did you know?

You don't have to carry cash on you.

You can load money onto your student ID and pay for food, drink and other items available at the college through our Way2Pay cashless system. For more information visit:

 www.barnsley.ac.uk/way2pay

Learning Support Fund

If your household income is less than £35,000*, you could be eligible for financial support from the Learning Support Fund.

You can pick up an application form from Student Services.

Contact the Student Services Team:

 +44(0)1226 216 267 / +44(0)1226 216 114 or
 studentsupport@barnsley.ac.uk

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experience at Barnsley College**

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