

Additional  
Learning  
Support

## Careers in Performing Arts





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# Welcome to Barnsley College



Old Mill Lane site

## Welcome to the Additional Learning Support Guide for Performing Arts.

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 Performing Arts 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.

Performing Arts has a range of fantastic performance spaces including our 180-seated theatre and our experience, expert tutors who can equip you with the skills and experience, providing you with the foundations upon which to build your future.

# Getting to Performing Arts

Performing Arts are based in the Electric Theatre with lessons taking place at the Old Mill Lane site. Both sites are a short walk up from Barnsley Interchange and both can be accessed easily when on campus.

At the Old Mill Lane site you will be greeted by a busy reception with a quieter entrance at the Urban Park 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.



Old Mill Lane Reception

The Performing Arts Department are based in the Electric Theatre with lessons taking place across both sites. The Dance Studio and Drama Studio on the Lower ground floor at Old Mill Lane and the classrooms over at the Electric Theatre. For both sites 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

# Performances



The Performing Arts department hosts 3 shows each year. These are usually a Pantomime, Directed Scenes and an End of Year Performance. Each show is performed in our 180-seated theatre in front of an audience and is open to the paying public.

The shows will have the technical support, sets and costumes of a professional show. The roles for each show are decided by the tutors based on your performances and effort in lessons.

Rehearsals for these performances will take place during your timetabled lessons, allowing you to be fully prepared for each show so during this time your timetable may change to meet the demands and your class may join with other levels during this time.

Roles for the show will include set designers, costume designers, sound and lighting crew and actors/actress to fill the roles for the performance. Roles will be decided by your performances in lessons.

There will be 3 performances each day; a morning, matinee (afternoon) and evening show so the schedule will be challenging but will allow to experience what the industry will expect from you. The Performing Arts department will support you during these times providing extra rehearsals and support. You will **not** be performing in schedule show.

During a performance you will be expected to look after any props and costumes you need to change into.

# Expectations



Performing Arts is a collaborative experience, involving a lot of group work, so you will be expected to maintain at least 95% attendance and excellent punctuality.

In practical classes you will be expected to wear rehearsal blacks. These include: a black long sleeved t-shirt, black leggings or jogging bottoms or dance trousers, black soft indoor shoes (leather jazz shoes).

You will need at least 3 sets of rehearsal blacks which should not have zips, buckles or buttons on so you cannot harm yourself or others, nor should your rehearsal blacks have logos on.

If you are following a Dance or Production Arts pathway you will need additional specialist equipment such as dance shoes, leotards or tights, safety shoes, protective clothing and a hard hat. You will be given a full list of equipment needed when you enrol.

The Performing Arts department will judge your performances in lesson as an audition for the college's performances so each lesson is important to showcase yourself. They will expect you to:

- Maintain at least 95% attendance and punctuality
- To be committed to your role, this includes evening performances
- To be respectful to everyone
- To manage your workload to complete assignment on time
- Change into clean rehearsal blacks or dance wear for each practical class
- Tie long hair back, and clip short hair away from your face
- Remove all jewellery and piercings.

# Changing Rooms

On the Lower Ground floor at Old Mill Lane site, the Performing Arts department provides both male and female changing rooms for you to use. Both are equipped with showering facilities and an area for you to change. The changing rooms are found near to the Dance Studio and Drama Studio on the lower ground floor.

On the same corridor there are lockers for you to securely keep your personal belongings. You will need to bring a padlock from home.



The Electric Theatre has large changing rooms for both males and females. Both have a large changing area, showering facilities and mirrors for putting on your performance make-up. You will be expected to use the changing rooms before a performance to change into your costume.



# Different Learning Environments in Performing Arts

## Dance Studio



On the lower ground floor at Old Mill Lane there is a fully equipped Dance studio. It has a sprung floor, ballet barres and mirrors across both sides of the room. The Dance studio is used for dance practice and a rehearsal space.

### Student Profile

#### Rhiannon Evans

Level 3 Dance Musical  
Theatre

**"I would recommend the course because it gives people the opportunity to do a proper show and directed scenes in a controlled professional environment. I have learnt new skills and feel more confident thanks to the people and the course."**



# Drama



The Drama studio is on the lower ground floor at Old Mill Lane. It is a large practice space used for rehearsals and practical sessions.

The Drama Studio is a fully equipped performance area. It has a sprung floor, an area marked out for the stage to allow you to practice stage directions before rehearsals on the Electric Theatre stage. It also has full theatre lighting.

The Drama studio can be divided into two smaller practice spaces.



# Studio



Full theatre lighting in the Drama Studio

## Student Profile



### Lee Hogan

Level 3 Acting

**“Since coming to Barnsley College, I have improved as a person, my confidence has improved loads and I have learnt new skills that has helped me to be a better actor. If I have any concerns or problems with the course, ALS and tutors will always be there for you throughout your college life.”**



The Electric Theatre is a short walk down from the Old Mill Lane building. The Electric Theatre has rehearsal rooms, an IT classroom, changing rooms and a Dance Studio as well as the 180-seat Electric Theatre with a technical control room for lighting and sound support.



### Student Profile

**Andrew Ritchie**  
Level 2 Performing Arts

**“I have improved my confidence a lot since starting college. I have learnt how to act and perform in front of people. I now believe I can achieve anything in life.”**

## The Electric Theatre



Electric Theatre entrance



Dance Studio

Depending on the course you will practically in different areas. The Drama studio and Dance studio used for performance rehearsals and practice, the control room used by production arts learners to provide technical support during performances.

# ic Theatre

180-seat Electric Theatre



Electric Theatre control room allowing technical support



## Student Profile

### Joel Stancliffe

Level 3 Acting

**“The Performing Arts course have given me a better chance to achieve my goals with the support. I have improve my acting skills as a performer and would recommend the college because you get plenty of opportunities.”**

# Theory Lessons



On Friday afternoons you will be timetabled independent study time to work through your assignments. The Performing Arts team will provide a quiet area and support in a classroom at the Electric theatre each week.

All your timetabled lessons are used for practical skills and rehearsals. You will work on your projection when performing lines, your stage presence during a performance, understanding and following stage directions as well as hitting your mark.

You will be assessed throughout your Performing Arts course with the college performances recorded for evidence and assignments. Any assignments will need to be completed in your self study time.

## 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 in 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.





**“If you are serious about pursuing a performing arts career, Barnsley College will shape and nurture your craft to the greatest standard. You will be given the chance to take risks and experiment with new methods of study and a wide range of techniques which will help you pursue a career in the performance industry.”**

**Adam Davies**

**College course:** BTEC in Performing Arts

**Now:** Runs the Animikii Theatre Company

# Before you start college

## Application



You can apply for your course at  [www.barnsley.ac.uk/performingarts](http://www.barnsley.ac.uk/performingarts) 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 Performing Arts, you will be invited into college for an interview with one of our tutors.

At your interview you will have an audition, find out more about the course and details of the kit you will need when you start college.

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

## Enrolment

The Performing Arts 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.

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 Performing Arts team.



## How do I get Support?

1. When you fill in the application form or you apply online at [www.barnsley.ac.uk/performingarts](http://www.barnsley.ac.uk/performingarts). 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 Performing Arts Department. We will also send you a copy home.

# What to expect during your first week

In Performing Arts, your first three weeks will be induction. You will be expected to attend all the sessions. During induction:

- You will be shown around the college's main site allowing you to become familiar with the college and shown the different services that are available as well as the Electric Theatre site.
- You will take part in practical drama games and icebreaker activities to help you get to know each other
- Start to prepare for your first performance —a workshare in front of your peers in the Electric Theatre
- Performing Arts will share what they expect of you during the course and how you will be assessed
- 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](mailto:safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk)**.

Or you can talk to the Performing Arts' 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

In the Electric Theatre, room 1.05 there are laptops free for you to use at anytime. It is a quieter area for you to work, away from the main site. On Friday afternoons there will be a tutor available to support you in the room.

You will be given your own log on to access the computer. There is printing facilities for you to use in the Learning Curve. There is a charge for printing and photocopying.



# Social Areas

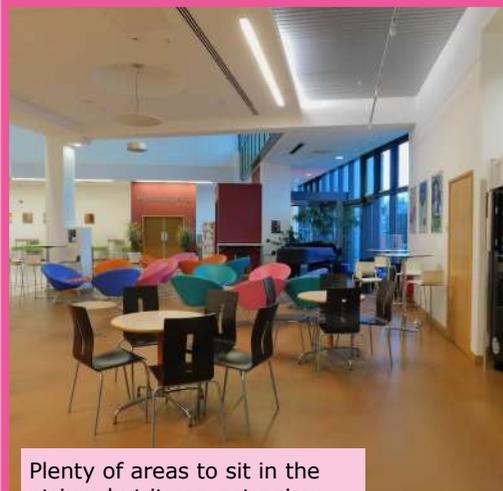
At the Old Mill Lane site there are lots of areas for you to sit and meet with your friends as well as quieter areas for you to go when you need some quiet time.



Urban Park to sit outside



Quiet Pod above the atrium at Old Mill Lane



Plenty of areas to sit in the atrium but it can get noisy.



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

Along with the IT suites on floors 2 and 3 along with a breakout area you can sit 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 Performing Arts 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](http://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](mailto:studentsupport@barnsley.ac.uk)**

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