

Additional
Learning
Support

Performing Arts



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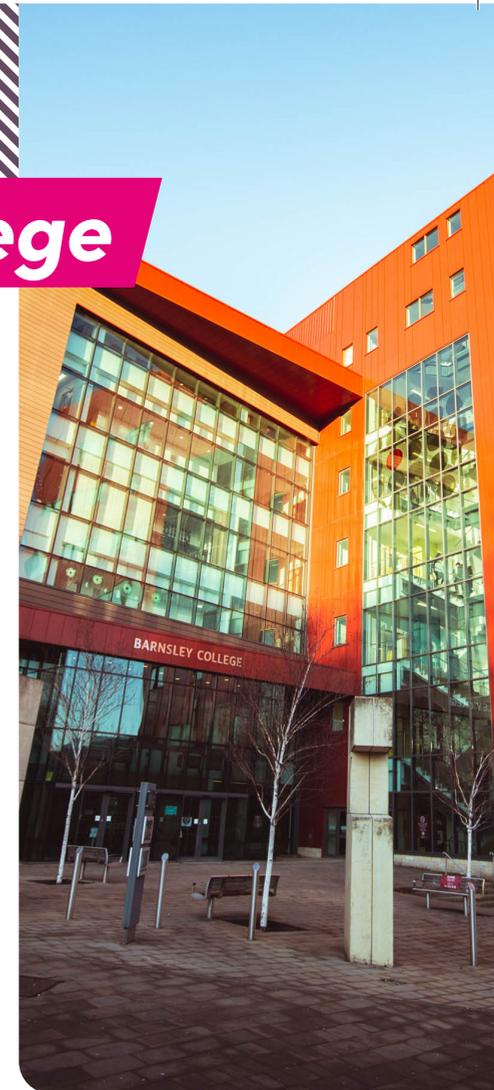
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Welcome to the Additional Learning Support (ALS) Guide for Performing Arts.

Moving to College is an exciting but challenging time for everyone. We hope our guide will help ease any worries you might have and give you assurance before you start your course in Performing Arts. Above all else, we want you to enjoy yourself whilst you are at College.

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 fantastic range of facilities so we can provide you with the best foundation upon which to build your future.



Getting to Performing Arts

Performing Arts is based in the Electric Theatre and the Old Mill Lane campus. Both sites are a short walk from Barnsley Interchange.

The dance and drama studios can be found on the lower ground floor of the Old Mill Lane campus. Classrooms where you will take theory lessons are located at the Electric Theatre. Both campuses are signposted on every floor to help you find your way, as well as lifts to each floor.

They are easily accessible by public transport and the College's free coach service. For details of pick-up points and times: ☎ www.barnsley.ac.uk/travel

While in College you must always wear your student ID badge. You will need to scan your badge to allow the barriers to open and give you access to both the Old Mill Lane and Electric Theatre campuses.



Performing Arts uniform

The Performing Arts department will expect you to have your own uniform. In practical lessons, you will be expected to wear rehearsal blacks, which include:

- A black long-sleeved t-shirt
- Black leggings, jogging bottoms or dance trousers
- Black soft indoor shoes (leather jazz shoes)

It is important that you have at least three sets of rehearsal blacks. They should not have any logos on, nor should they have zips, buttons or buckles, as these could harm yourself or other students during rehearsals.

Those following a Dance or Production Arts pathway may also need additional specialist equipment, such as:

- Dance shoes
- Leotard
- Tights
- Safety shoes
- Protective clothing
- Hard hat

You will be given a full list of equipment needed when you enrol.

Expectations

The Performing Arts department has high expectations for all students. For every practical session you are expected to:

- Wear your student ID badge at all times.
- Tie long hair back or clip short hair away from your face.
- Remove all jewellery, piercings and false nails.
- Change into clean rehearsal blacks or dance wear for each practical class.

Changing Rooms

The Performing Arts department provide male and female changing rooms for you to use after practical sessions. These can be found near the dance and drama studios on the ground floor of the Old Mill Lane campus, or in the Electric Theatre.

All the changing rooms offer a large changing area with benches and clothes hooks, as well as showering and toilet facilities.



Different learning Environments

Performing Arts



Classrooms



Changing Rooms



Dance Studio



Electric Theatre



Drama Studio



Lessons

Independent Study

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.

Throughout your course, you will be assessed in part by your performance in shows, which are recorded for evidence. Any other written assignments will need to be completed during your independent study period.

Practical lessons

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

Do I need to do English and Maths?

If you have a grade 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 4/D, 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.



Performances

The Performing Arts department hosts three 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.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals for these performances will take place during your timetabled lessons, allowing you to be fully prepared for each show. During this time, you should expect some changes to your normal routine in College:

- Your regular timetable may change to accommodate rehearsals.
- Classes may grow in number as your group merges with other classes in preparation for the show.

Your tutors will notify you of these changes before they happen.

Roles

The roles for each performance will be decided by your tutors, based on your performance in lessons. Possible roles include:

- Performers – actors, singers and dancers
- Set designers
- Costume designers
- Sound and lighting crew

What to expect during the performances

There will be 3 performances each day; a morning, matinee (afternoon) and evening show. The schedule will be challenging, but it will also allow you to experience what the industry will expect from you.

The Performing Arts department will support you during this time by providing extra rehearsals and support. Please note that you will not be performing in every scheduled show.



Before you start College

The Learner Support Fund for students aged 16-18 and 19+

You can apply online at:
learnersupportfund.barnsley.ac.uk
Contact the Student Services Team by emailing:
studentsupport@barnsley.ac.uk



Step 1 - Search

Search for a course in the vocational course guide, online at www.barnsley.ac.uk or via your school's application system.



Step 2 - Apply

You can apply for the course of your choice via the College website or your school's application system. If you have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) tick the box on the application form stating you have an EHCP.



Step 3 - Assessment

The ALS team will invite you for an initial assessment to discuss your support needs before you start College – ALS will refer you to Learning for Living and Work at this point, if appropriate. This is before your course interview if you have an EHCP.



Step 4 - College interview

You are invited to an interview with a tutor from your chosen subject(s). Interviews usually take place on Wednesday afternoons between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. We work closely with schools and they are aware of our interview process so there should be no problem in taking time out of classes. The interview is nothing to worry about; it's very informal and is a great chance for you to ask any questions you might have about your choice of subjects.



Step 5 - College place

After the interview, you will either be offered a place on your study programme or referred to a more appropriate one.



Step 6 - Subject taster

You may be invited into College to take part in a taster session in the subject you have chosen.

Step 7 - Enrolment

An invitation and enrolment pack will be sent out at the beginning of August 2022 giving you all the information you will need to enrol onto your study programme at the end of August 2022.

For more information contact our Admissions Team on

01226 216 106 or interviews@barnsley.ac.uk

Support

If you have an Education, Health and Care Plan, the Additional Learning Support (ALS) team will put support in place to help you during your lessons.

Both the support workers and your tutors will know your needs and will work with you to achieve your goals. Our support will be tailored to you and will be discussed during your initial assessment.

How do I get support?

When you apply online at 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.

When you declare a learning need ALS will contact you to organise an initial assessment.

The initial assessment is where you meet one of the ALS Co-ordinators, who will discuss your learning needs and how to best support you while in College.

After the initial assessment, a plan highlighting the support that will be provided will be produced for you.

This support plan will be passed onto the Performing Arts department and we will also send a copy to you at home.



What to expect during your

First week in Performing Arts

In Performing Arts, 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 campuses and 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.
- The Performing Arts staff will share what they expect of you during the course and any upcoming events.

- You will be given your timetable.
- You will be introduced to key people such as the Safeguarding Representative and your Tutorial Learning Mentor (TLM).

During induction, Support Workers will be in the sessions to provide help. This initial support will settle down once timetables have been finalised.

The Support Worker that you meet during induction will usually remain the same throughout the year.



Do you have an

Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP)?

Each academic year you will have an annual review of your Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) which takes place at College.

The meeting will include you, your family members or advocate, TIAG, staff from College and other professionals.

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 one to two 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). The meeting will include you, your carers or advocate, TIAG, staff from College and other professionals.

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 at College is entitled to claim the guaranteed bursary which is a payment of £1,200 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.

You can apply for the guaranteed bursary via Student Services.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is about doing everything we can to make sure you and everyone else in College is 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 feels safe and listened to.

Reporting a safeguarding concern

If you feel unsafe, you can contact our team on ☎ **01226 216 142** or ✉ safeguarding@barnsley.ac.uk

Or you can talk to the Learning for Living and Work Department's Safeguarding Representative if you are concerned about your welfare or someone else's. They will be introduced during induction.

Tutorials

All students 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 your Tutorial Learning Mentor throughout the year to review your progress.



College services

In the Old Mill Lane campus we have a number of services which you can use.

These are:

- Health and Wellbeing Centre
- Information Unit
- Students' Union
- Student Services

Health and Wellbeing Centre

Our award-winning Health and 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, help to stop smoking, and support with drugs and alcohol issues.

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 ☎ **01226 216 233**.



Information Unit

Please contact our friendly Information team for advice and guidance on our Learning for Living and Work courses or any other course you may be interested in studying by emailing ✉ info@barnsley.ac.uk



Students' Union

You will find the Students' 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 located in the Old Mill Lane campus. The staff will be able to help you with financial support through the Learning Support Fund, information on the free College coach services and the concessionary travel pass.



Cash-free Campus

You don't have to carry cash on you. You can load money onto your student ID badge and pay for food, drinks and other items available at the College through our cashless system.

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Facilities

Learning Curve

The Learning Curve is an independent study area giving you access to a collection of books and IT facilities to help you complete your work. There are also laptops for you to use to help with your studies.



IT Suite

The Connect Hub has IT facilities for completing your work and also has laptops for you to use. The laptops can also be loaned out at a cost of £10 per month.

You will be given your own log-in to access the computer. There are printing facilities close by for you to print your work.



Social areas*

At the Old Mill Lane campus, 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.



Places to eat/free meals

At the Old Mill Lane campus, there are a number of cafés that offer a wide selection of hot and cold foods and a selection of drinks. These cafés include the Zest Café and Starbucks in the Atrium and the Cookie Crumbs and Crumbs Cafés on the first floor.



If you are aged 16-18 and have a household income of less than £20,000 - £35,000 and under per year you may be eligible for free meals at College. Apply online at:

🔗 learnersupportfund.barnsley.ac.uk

*Please follow the government guidelines in relation to COVID-19 and social distancing.





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