



BLACKPOOL SIXTH



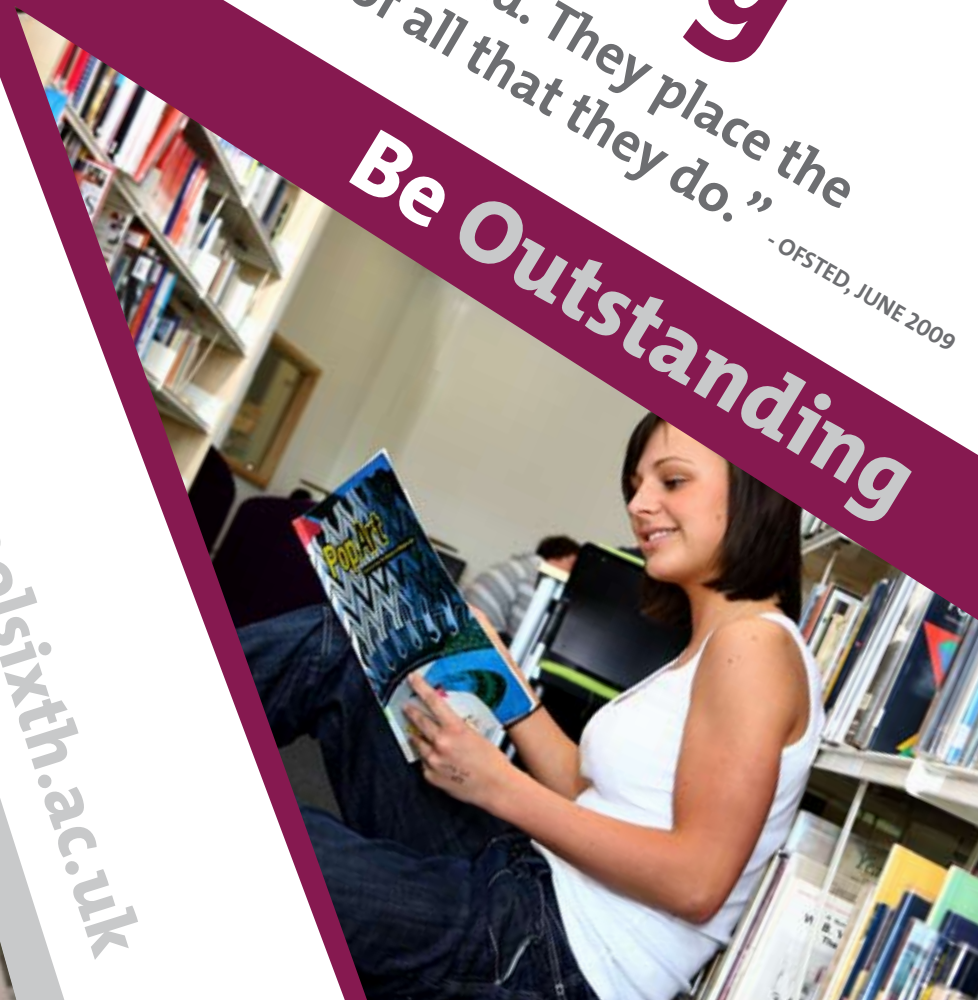
Ofsted Report 2009 **Outstanding**

“Staff are highly motivated. They place the learner at the centre of all that they do.”

- OFSTED, JUNE 2009

Be Outstanding

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This is timely recognition of the significant improvements that have taken place and the very hard work and commitment of students and staff.

Congratulations to all who have made this achievement possible.



Felicity Greeves
Principal



“The last two years at Blackpool Sixth Form have been fantastic and the College really is a great environment in which to learn. Tutors are willing to give 100% in order for students to achieve their full potential.

The Ofsted grade is a fantastic achievement for the college and gives the staff well deserved recognition for all their hard work.”

Kyle Squire and Linzi Hull- Senior Students



Summary of **Grades Awarded**

Effectiveness of provision	Outstanding: Grade 1
Capacity to improve	Outstanding: Grade 1
Achievement and standards	Good: Grade 2
Quality of provision	Outstanding: Grade 1
Leadership and management	Outstanding: Grade 1
Equality of opportunity	Outstanding: contributory grade 1

Sector **Subject Areas**

Science and Mathematics	Good: Grade 2
Travel, Tourism and Sport	Outstanding: Grade 1
Visual & Performing Arts	Outstanding: Grade 1
English & Modern Foreign Language	Good: Grade 2

These were the only subject areas graded by inspectors



Key Strengths

- High and improving success rates
- Exceptional academic and personal skills development
- Outstanding teaching and learning
- Rigorous assessment and monitoring of learners' progress
- Extensive range of courses and enrichment opportunities
- Outstanding guidance and support
- Outstanding provision in visual and performing arts, media and travel, tourism & sport
- Highly successful improvement strategies
- Outstanding strategic leadership and management
- Outstanding partnership working

“Teaching and learning are outstanding”

Ofsted, June 2009

“A very responsive curriculum offer attracts, engages and matches learner aspirations.”

Ofsted, June 2009



“I enjoy the discussion style of learning which allows us to use more of our own interpretations and explore our own ideas.”

Emma Lynch, studies English Literature, Modern History, Geography and REP



“Sessions are particularly well planned, providing highly effective activities to engage, motivate and challenge learners.”

Ofsted, June 2009

“Tutors have high expectations of learners. They provide extraordinary support both in and outside of classroom activities.”

Ofsted, June 2009

“I am especially glad to have been on the pioneering year of my BTEC, and to have spent these two years being taught by some truly excellent teachers”



Dan Thackray, studies BTEC Media Production & Film Studies

“The progress made by BTEC learners is particularly good.”

Ofsted, June 2009

“I find Science lessons very engaging and I enjoy learning about the different aspects of the world through Biology and Chemistry.”



Connor Stephenson, studies Biology, Chemistry, French & English Literature

“Teachers are knowledgeable, enthusiastic and have a very good rapport with learners. Teachers know their learners well.”

Ofsted, June 2009



“Assessment practices and the monitoring of learners’ progress are outstanding.”

Ofsted, June 2009

“Learners feel their views are listened to and responded to.”

Ofsted, June 2009

"The college provides a very safe and welcoming environment for learners"

Ofsted, June 2009

"Advice, guidance and support are outstanding."

Ofsted, June 2009

"The support I have received from the College and in particular the Focus Centre has been excellent. The staff are fantastic and really approachable."



Paul Hindley, studies Ancient History, Modern History and Politics.

"The college enrichment programme is outstanding."

Ofsted, June 2009



"I started at Level 2 and now I'm leaving with three A levels and the support has been tremendous throughout my course."

Ashi Sethi, studies Applied Business, Art (Textiles) and Digital Photography.

"The college's response to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is exemplary."

Ofsted, June 2009

"Comprehensive tutorial support and effective systems monitor learners' progress."

Ofsted, June 2009

"Progression to higher education is excellent."

Ofsted, June 2009



"College is great because of all the fantastic facilities, such as the Fyi. I have met so many new people who make College life a lot of fun."

Lisa Carolan, studies Performing Arts, English Literature, Theatre Studies and Critical Thinking.



"Work related skills are developed very effectively through employer placements and enterprise opportunities."

Ofsted, June 2009

And what about the College's contribution to the community?

"The extent to which the college meets the needs and interests of learners and employers is outstanding."

Ofsted, June 2009



"I enjoy the experiences we have been offered while studying, such as visiting the courts and having the opportunity to complete work experience with a barrister."

Rebecca Roberts, studies Travel & Tourism and Law

"Links with local high schools are very good, as are the collaborative initiatives to improve local GCSE outcomes."

Ofsted, June 2009



"Partnership working is excellent and very supportive of the regeneration of Blackpool."

Ofsted, June 2009

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