

BLACKPOOL SIXTH

Performing Arts & Music





CREATE, PERFORM, PRODUCE

“The Performing Arts & Music department is committed to developing the talents of young performers and musicians from across the Fylde coast and beyond by providing exciting and rigorous course choices, excellent facilities and dedicated teaching staff.”



Ian Carten - Head of Performing Arts & Music

Performing Arts & Music courses:

- AS/A Level Dance
- AS/A Level Drama & Theatre Studies
- AS/A Level Music
- AS/A Level Music Technology
- BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Music
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Music
- BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Performing Arts
- BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts

For full course details see pages 61-67 of our Prospectus or visit www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk

Royal Variety appearance for Performing Artist

Former Sixth Form student Jonathan Ward appeared on the Royal Variety Performance 2010 dancing with Take That as they performed their single 'The Flood'.

Jonathan achieved a Double Distinction in BTEC Performing Arts in August 2010 and received a scholarship to study at Performers College in Essex.



Did you know?

92% of our students progressed to University last year with increasing numbers gaining places at specialist higher education institutions such as Leeds College of Music, LIPA and Performers Dance College.

For a full list of our Performing Arts & Music students' university destinations and courses visit www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk/pam



Music student achieves pop star status

Singing sensation Victoria Hesketh, aka Little Boots, revisited her roots when she returned to Blackpool Sixth to perform in the music studio for a Channel 4 television programme.

Victoria, who studied Music, Law and English Literature, left in 2002 before achieving chart success. Her debut album, 'Hands', reached number five on the UK Albums Chart and she had a top ten hit with the single 'Remedy'. Victoria has also been nominated for a Critics Choice BRIT Award and topped the BBC Sound of 2009 poll.

Want to work in the Music Industry?

Our BTEC Music course will provide you with the opportunity to improve your creativity in all aspects of music, working in a range of bands and learning everything you need to know about the music industry, including music theory, popular music culture, music recording/production and practical skills.

We regularly have masterclasses from industry professionals, such as TV presenter, journalist and musician John Robb (pictured right).



Three students star in My Fair Lady

Three current and former students from Blackpool Sixth starred in the Thornton Cleveleys Operatic Society's production of My Fair Lady at the Marine Hall in October 2010.

Lisa Carolan (formerly of Cardinal Allen High School) played the lead role of Eliza Doolittle, Jack Wealthall (formerly of Palatine Community Sports College) played Freddy Eynsford-Hill and current Lower Sixth student Luke Hutchinson (formerly of Baines School) performed in the ensemble.



Blackpool Schools' Festival of Dance

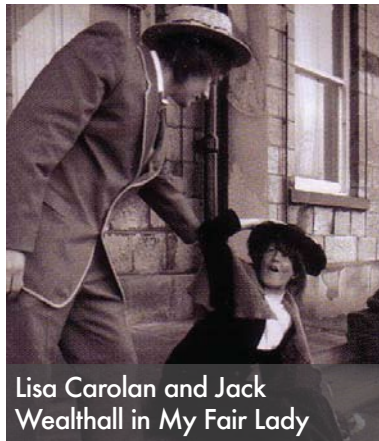
For the past two years, students from Blackpool Sixth have represented the college in The Blackpool Schools Festival of Dance at the Winter Gardens.

This year our students performed a tap dance based Charleston piece from the 1920's to the music 'Down by the Riverside'. This performance was a fabulous opportunity and allowed our students to follow in the footsteps of many famous artists who have appeared at the Winter Gardens over the years.

"Drama and Theatre Studies helps me understand the reason behind theatre and its origins which I can apply to my practical work."

Matt Charlton

(formerly of Millfield Science and Performing Arts College)
Studies Drama and Theatre Studies, Business Studies, Economics, Biology and General Studies



Lisa Carolan and Jack Wealthall in My Fair Lady

Did you know?

The Performing Arts & Music department was awarded a Grade 1 (Outstanding) during the Ofsted Inspection in May 2009.

"I love BTEC Music! The lessons are energetic and the teachers are enthusiastic. I particularly enjoyed organising the Battle of the Bands Concert"

Leigh-Ann Kilner

(formerly of Collegiate High School)
Studies BTEC Music, English Literature, Digital Photography and General Studies



Musicians Tour Paris



Each year Music students from Blackpool Sixth experience a European tour. In 2010 they took the tour to Paris which included performances at Parc Georges Brassens and Parc Champ de Mars.

Students raised money for the tour by performing in concerts across the Fylde Coast.

In 2011 the Performing Arts and Music department will take the tour to Holland.

New theatre and facilities for Performing Arts open in Summer 2011



In August 2010, the Sixth Form started work on the 3rd phase of its Campus Redevelopment Programme. The new £5.5M building will provide modern spacious facilities for our grade one Performing Arts Department as well as facilities for our Department of English and Modern Foreign Languages.

The ground floor will house a 300 seat, fully fitted, professional standard theatre, two drama studios and classrooms. The first and second floor will contain further classrooms making 18 in all. The new building will be complete in August 2011.

Students to benefit from our links with Blackpool Symphony Orchestra

We have linked up with The Blackpool Symphony Orchestra who are our "Orchestra in Residence".

The Orchestra will perform and rehearse in our new Theatre space and will be working with our A level Music and Music Technology students through a series of workshops and masterclasses to enhance their learning.

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Experience in the music business

The student record company, Enterprise Records, raises funds for the department but most importantly teaches students how to work in the music business.

The group have successfully produced CDs for Blackpool's Male Voice Choir and Baines Endowed Primary School in Thornton. This includes recording, editing, collaborating with Graphic Design students on the layout and artwork and understanding customer needs.

Approximately 89% of businesses in the music industry are in small businesses such as these.



Students using our fantastic facilities for music which includes the latest Apple Macs and a professional recording studio

The Show Must Go On!

As a Performing Arts & Music student, you have the opportunity to take part in a varied and exciting programme of events, activities and groups each year including:

- Autumn, Christmas & Summer Music Concerts
- **Music Tour (past tours include New York and Paris)**
- Musical Theatre Production (with live music played by a student band)
- **Several annual plays and musicals (with live music composed by students)**
- Showzam' variety showcase (a national festival of performance)
- **A Variety Show (in a professional venue)**
- Participation in Blackpool & Wyre Festivals of Dance
- **'Battle of the Bands' and 'Pop Wannabe' judged by industry professionals**
- Jam Session (Rock bands)
- **Choir, Big Band, Concert Band and BTEC Band**
- Masterclasses and workshops with The Blackpool Symphony Orchestra
- **Visits to see a wide variety of productions**