

6Advance

at Blackpool Sixth

6Advance is an **exciting range of academies** designed to enable ambitious students to prepare for university and prestigious **future careers**.

As part of the college Excellence Programme, each curriculum department offers curriculum enrichment activities in the form of 'academies' or 'societies'. Designed to stretch students beyond the level 3 curriculum, these activities run throughout the week and are available to students by application.

| Department | Academy name | Staff leading | Students eligible | Room, day and time |
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| Business & IT | Computing Club Upskilling in cyber security, programming skills and computational thinking. | Mac Treleaven macauley.treleaven@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students | W111 TBC |
| English and Modern Foreign Languages | Sixth Sense magazine Online editorial led by student editorial team. Linked to National Shine Magazine. | Rebecca Bain rebecca.bain@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk Natalie Collister natalie.collister@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students | R104 Tuesdays Fortnightly |
| English and Modern Foreign Languages | European Society A flavour of European Culture: languages, lifestyle, travel, film and music, theatre and Literature. | Danielle Griezans danielle.griezans@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students | C113 TBC |
| Humanities | Debating An academy to develop your oracy skills and political thinking. | Jamila Gurgee jamila.gurgee@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students with an interest in politics and debate. | R210 Thursdays 4pm |
| Humanities | Law Academy Opportunities to learn about areas of the law that are not studied at A level, but are part of degree courses. Also a range of visits by guest speakers and the chance to participate in mock trials. | Laura Holman laura.holman@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk Peter Braddick peter.braddick@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students looking to increase their understanding of the Law. | R213 Thursdays 4pm |
| Mathematics | Mathematics Academy Challenging problems, group activities and interesting maths conundrums! | Connor Fenton connor.fenton@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | L6 Mathematics Students | R115 Wednesdays 4pm - 5pm |
| Mathematics | Mathematics Academy 2 A session looking at preparing you for entrance exams and interviews for subjects involving mathematics (e.g. maths, science, economics). | Robert Fisher robert.fisher@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | U6 Mathematics Students wanting to do a maths rich degree | R108 Mondays 4pm - 5pm |

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| Mathematics | Chess Academy Join to learn chess or extend your knowledge. Play against others and learn new tricks and skills in the game. | Simon Hunt simon.hunt@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students | R111 Monday 4pm - 5pm |
| Performing Arts, Music and Media | The Musical including Dance Academy Audition to take part in this large scale production. We will be looking for actors, singers and dancers, we will require weekly rehearsals after college and at lunch times so dedication is a requirement. | Isabelle Oates isabelle.oates@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk Lucinda Campbell lucinda.campbell@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students by audition | Theatre Wednesdays Time TBC |
| Performing Arts, Music and Media | Music Academy | John Stevens (Band) john.stevens@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk Ash Goodinson (Choir) ash.goodinson@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students | Wednesdays Time TBC |
| Performing Arts, Music and Media | Film Club Film viewing and review writing with an emphasis on world/ alternative cinema. Screenings will take place over two weeks and review writing skills will be developed as part of the sessions. | Mike Handley michael.handley@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | All students | Theatre / C004 Wednesdays Time TBC |
| Science | Medical Society Aimed at developing the skills necessary for successful applications and interviews for Medicine or Dentistry. This includes guest speakers, practical activities, support with work experience and UCAT preparation. | Alex Yates alexandra.yates@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | L6 Letter of application required. Students must have a good GCSE profile and be expected to achieve AAA, including A level Chemistry. | TBC |
| Science | Science Academy Looking to raise awareness of science around us and investigate and research topics that are beyond the curriculum. | Kerry Ormson Kerry.Ormson@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | L6 application form | TBC |
| Cross-College 1 | Career Ready Preparing students for the workplace and their future careers. Students gain valuable experience and employability skills. | Lydia Brownlow lydia.brownlow@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk | Any student studying in the BSIT department (finance, business, economics, IT, computing) or maths department (stats and maths) | TBC |

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| Cross-College 2 | <p>DofE (qualification) DoE involves helping the community/ environment; becoming fitter; developing new skills; planning, training for and completing a four-day walking expedition and, for Gold only, working with a team on a residential activity.</p> | <p>Steve Scatterson steve.scatterson@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk</p> <p>Rob Butler rob.butler@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk</p> | All students | R101 Tuesdays 4pm |
| Cross-College 3 | Student Council | <p>Charlie Moore charlie.moore@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk</p> | All students via application and interview | TBC |
| Cross-College 4 | <p>Eco Schools Committee This group will oversee the implementation of the Eco Schools Programme in the college with the aim of obtaining Green Flag status by the end of the 2023-24 academic year. There will also be opportunities to contribute to the organisation and running of the first Lancashire Youth Climate Conference.</p> | <p>Jon Mcleod jon.mcleod@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk</p> | Open to all students. No interview process. | <p>Committee Room (M201) Mondays 4 - 5 pm</p> <p>Meetings 2 or 3 times each half-term. 2023 Sept 18 / Oct 2 Oct 16 / Nov 6 Nov 20 / Dec 11 2024 Jan 15 / Feb 5 Feb 19 / Mar 11 Mar 25 / April 15 April 29 / May 13 June 3 / June 17 July 1st</p> |
| Cross-college 5 | <p>Aspiring Teachers Opportunity to learn more about the routes to becoming a qualified teacher, what the role involves, and how best to prepare at this stage in your learning journey. There may be opportunities to revisit your old high schools as TAs for a taster session and goody bags will be provided containing more information to take to university.</p> | <p>Aly Spencer aly.spencer@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk</p> | | Room TBC Wednesday 3pm |
| Cross-college 6 | <p>Book Club Curated reading lists, readalongs, challenging texts, discussion.</p> | <p>Helen Crowther helen.crowther@blackpoolsixth.ac.uk</p> | Any students undecided on uni course, any students who need to read very widely for their chosen course (eg Natural Sciences, PPE). | FYi Tuesday 4pm |