

The Foundation Programme

at Blackpool Sixth

Your route to success
at Blackpool Sixth



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Welcome to the Foundation Programme

What is the Foundation Programme?

A one-year programme for students who have just missed the entry requirements for Level 3 study.



**One-year
programme**

**Students
aged 16–19**

**Grade
progress in
GCSE English
and Maths**

**Gain
additional
Level 2
qualifications**

**Develop
essential
study skills**

**Progress onto
Level 3 courses,
apprenticeships
or employment**

"When I first started the Foundation Programme I felt like a failure and embarrassed but honestly if I could do it again I would. Hayley and Alex were both a huge support and there was genuinely nothing to be embarrassed about."

- Callum, Foundation Programme student



What GCSE grades do I need?

4 x grade 3

Grade 3 in Maths **or** English
& grade 2 in the other

What will I study?

Students study a programme **equivalent to four GCSEs**, including GCSE Maths and/or English (if a grade 4 or above has not been achieved), alongside **either two single Level 2 subjects or one double Level 2 subject** from the options below.

Students who only need to resit one GCSE (Maths **or** English), will also study **Personal Growth and Wellbeing**, alongside their chosen subject(s).

BTEC LEVEL 2	SINGLE	DOUBLE
Applied Science BTEC	✓	
Business BTEC	✓	
Creative Skills (art, design and media) BTEC		✓
Health and Social Care BTEC		✓
IT BTEC	✓	
Personal Growth and Wellbeing BTEC	✓	
Public Services BTEC		✓

Alongside these courses you will study: Academic study skills - Pastoral programme
- Enrichment and employability - Step-up programme

What else will the Foundation Programme include?

Progress Mentor

Regular support from a mentor to help with progress, attendance and next steps



Employability & Enrichment

Build teamwork and communication skills, gain work experience and get careers advice



Study Skills

Learn how to plan, stay organised and study independently



Additional Learning Support

Extra support if you have additional learning needs



Progression routes



Beyond the classroom

At Blackpool Sixth, learning goes beyond lessons. As a Foundation Programme student you can take part in enrichment activities and clubs, careers education and guidance, work-related learning and employability skills. These experiences help build your confidence, independence and resilience.

Is the Foundation Programme right for you?

The Foundation Programme could be perfect if you want to study at Blackpool Sixth and:

- need to improve your English and Maths GCSE grades
- are motivated to progress to Level 3 study
- would benefit from extra academic and pastoral support
- want time to develop confidence and study skills

During my time on the Foundation Programme I accessed support through the wellbeing team. I really think that Blackpool Sixth listened and gave me that space to express my feelings.

- Foundation Programme student

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