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Our Mission is to be a centre of learning and training excellence, providing inspiration and creativity to all involved. Our aim is to empower and inspire our students and the community to transform their lives and achieve their goals through high expectations, commitment and determination.

Ethos

At Fusion we are committed to providing the highest quality education and training in dance and performing arts, in a safe and secure learning environment. We inspire young adults and recognise talent, preparing them to exceed expectations and achieve their goals. Our aim is to meet the needs of all learners, employers, and the wider community, raising standards and maximising individual potential. We encourage all students to be positive, proactive, inclusive and to embrace diversity, nurturing individuality and encouraging independence of thought within a culture of collaboration.



FUSION STUDIOS

Our Core Values

As a college and training centre we share a common set of core values across everything we do. These values help to define who we are and how we behave.

Positivity

Believe in your abilities. Stay focused and ambitious. Be optimistic. Build resilience. Do not fear failure. Always be mindful. Accept yourself.

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Respect

Have respect for yourself. Always respect others. Be kind and considerate. Listen. Show support. Keep an open mind.

Integrity

Always be honest. Be true to your beliefs and values. Have good morals. Be transparent. Uphold high standards. Take responsibility. Hold yourself accountable.

Determination

Set intentions. Work hard. Stay focused. Make decisions. Take ownership. Always have a 'can do' attitude. Decide. Commit. Succeed.



WHY US?

Fusion provides students with the opportunity to continue their education in a creative, supportive, and challenging environment, providing them with the skills and qualities needed to meet the demands and challenges of today's performing arts industry.

Our programme of study includes way more than 'a Btec'. All students get a solid education: dance and performance training in all styles; wellbeing support and teacher training.

Society is changing and young people are a vulnerable demographic growing up in what can be a competitive and cruel world. At Fusion we strive to ensure that our students know their worth and feel confident and secure in who they are as individuals, enabling them to take hold of opportunities and excel in life.

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts - Dance

This two year course is a perfect choice for students who love to dance, perform and be creative!

It will provide high quality dance and performance training to set solid foundations in: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Commercial, Contemporary, Musical Theatre and Choreography.

It is designed for 16-18 year olds who aspire to make dance their professional career, a professional dancer, a choreographer, working in the West End or performing on cruise ships. The course will give students the opportunity to gain the high standards of knowledge and understanding, and skills and experience needed to enable to continue their career path. The BTEC Extended Diploma is equivalent to 3 A levels and upon completion of the course, students can then continue with a degree in performing arts or dance, further intensive training, or employment within the performing arts industry.

What does the BTEC involve?

The teaching team will build a course to suit the needs, interests and aspirations of their learners by selecting from a range of optional units and pathways within the specification.

Students are required to complete thirteen units in total over the duration of two years. Seven of these units are mandatory and the remaining six are chosen from a variety of optional or specialist units. Each unit covers a specific area of knowledge, skills and understanding required by the dance and performing arts industry. Throughout the course, industry professionals are invited in to deliver workshops and seminars based on the specific units being covered. All students on our training programme will get exclusive opportunities to work with these professionals and attend workshops. We offer local and national residential trips where we visit working studios and theatres along with opportunities to attend auditions within the industry.

WHAT THE STUDENTS SAY ...

Georgia Doolan

I am currently doing my Btec qualification at Fusion and right from the beginning I have thoroughly enjoyed the process. I have always loved dancing at Fusion so took this opportunity as soon as I heard about it. In the beginning, I was a bit worried about theory work as it was a new thing for me but the teachers where amazing and guided me along the way and helped me through everything. Whenever I struggled, they were so supportive. I never felt left alone and always had a helping hand. Fusion College is such a warm and friendly environment so I was confident to try for a Btec here as I knew I would be in good hands. The kindness from students and staff has made the past two years so enjoyable. With Fusion, this process has been so much fun and I am so excited to continue with my qualifications here.



Elise Chang

'Thank you doesn't adequately express how grateful I am to Fusion College and the education that they have provided for me. The skills, in dance, performance, research and life that I have learnt as a student here, have prepared me not only for my future career, but for life in general. The incredibly welcoming staff have been inspirational, with the level of teaching going beyond the studio. Thank you so much!'

Leah Harding

Since starting my Btec I have improved so much as a dancer both physical and technically, which has really boosted my confidence, from being in the studio with my friends to performing on stage and to choreographing my own pieces. I have really enjoyed my time at the college because we are made to feel like it's our second home and the staff and students are so kind, friendly and understanding.

Holly Milbourne

My Experience doing the Level 3 Btec at Fusion College has been amazing and has helped me not only in my written skills and technical skills; whether that be commercial, musical theatre or contemporary, but it has also helped me gain confidence in myself as a person as well as a performer. I have been able to transfer these skills into other aspects of my life. I am always excited to attend classes and see what is to come and then always come out feeling like I have achieved something. The wellbeing and mindfulness that's built into the training here at Fusion has been so beneficial. It has taught me to really live in the moment and to accept myself for who I am. I feel like the teachers really do have the best interest of every student at the forefront of everything they do, which is why we all improve and thrive so much. Thank you Fusion!

ISTD

A good solid foundation in technique is crucial to a dancers' career. Therefore, we encourage all of our students to take part in ISTD examination classes where they will train in Modern and Jazz. All students complete mock assessments, which will prepare them fully for the final exam. All examinations take place at Fusion Studios facilitated by an external examiner. When students reach Intermediate level, they are able to progress on to the ISTD Teachers course.

Teacher Training

Here at Fusion, we recognise the importance of excellent teaching – which goes hand in hand with excellent teacher training and understand that this grows from an outstanding teacher training programme. At Fusion we have designed a programme of study that enables our students to gain the experience and knowledge of teaching dance. Students will be supported and coached through the importance of lesson planning, creating resources and teaching strategies, along with ample opportunity to observe other teaching practitioners and teach classes of their own. As a result, this will prepare and propel our students with the platform to embark onto a successful teaching career; whether that's working in dance schools or continuing onto higher education to complete a degree and PGCE in Dance.

Wellbeing & **Student** Support

Wellbeing

The training programme not only provides students with relevant gualifications but also prepares them for the industry, both mentally and physically. Weekly yoga and body conditioning classes along with regular meditation and wellbeing sessions are compulsory on our programme. Nurturing student wellbeing and mental health is of upmost importance to us. Our students leave Fusion not only physically ready to deal with the challenges of the industry, but also with a strong awareness of their mental health; enabling them to deal with any obstacles life may present and preparing them for success and longevity within the industry.

Student Support

Our support team ensure that students receive the support they need to overcome any challenges and barriers to their learning; enabling them to achieve the highest possible grades and reach their full potential. All students are assigned an Achievement Tutor who will focus on their attendance, progress, aspirations and support their learning and personal

development. There is also a Student Mentor, for those students who may need additional help and personal support. Our dedicated Additional Support Team will work to provide personalised learning support for students with special educational needs and disabilities as well as specialist support for those students with an Education, Health and Care Plan.



Progression

We are committed to supporting all of our students in taking the next step towards achieving their goals and aspirations, whether this is applying for university or accessing further training or employment.

Higher education

Students are guided and supported through the UCAS application process for higher education courses and our careers team work with students offering support and advice when choosing further destinations.

Further training or employment

We have a dedicated career advisor that supports those students who are wanting to move into employment or further training. Students choosing this path can access a variety of support and guidance workshops that cover: CV writing; letters of application; interview and audition skills and techniques.



Entry Requirement

To access our training programme students will need to have the following qualifications and experience:

- BTEC Level 2 or a GCSE qualification in Dance or Performing Arts
- Experience and a strong interest in the Dance and Performing Arts Industry.
- Grade 4 or above in English and Maths.

Application Process

Application FormInterview and Audition



FAQs

Will I have to sing in my audition?

No - there may be a group workshop involved in the audition process where you may have to sing as part of a group; however, you will not be required to sing alone.

Will I have to act in my audition?

No - there may be a group workshop involved in the audition process where you may have to participate in drama activities; however, there is no requirements for you to perform a monologue.

What uniform will I need?

A full uniform list will be provided when you are accepted onto the programme.

Can I buy uniform from Fusion?

Yes – we have standard uniform in stock along with catalogues where you can order individualised pieces.

How do I get the application form?

Email enquiries@fdacollege.co.uk

Who do I send the application form to?

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Our facilities and local amenities

Fusion has 3 state of the art studios on the ground floor, all fitted with sprung floors and mirrors. We have a kitchen & quiet study area on the 1st floor.

We are situated right next to Bromborough Croft Retail Park, where there is an array of restaurants and coffee shops (Nandos, Costa. M&S, McDonalds, Subway & KFC) along with supermarket stores and clothing stores.

Our studios are accessible by car or bus from the A41 and has many train stations nearby, with the closest being Spital and Bromborough Rake.

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