

BTC ACADEMIES



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BTC Academies



Being a student is about much more than gaining a qualification! It's about getting involved, meeting new people and making new friends.

Academies offer you the opportunity to pursue your performance, public service, technology, sporting or media aspirations alongside academic or vocational qualifications, and are a great way to complement your studies.

It's easy to join or register your interest even before you start College, just visit the College website. Alternatively, wait until you join us then look out for stands at Freshers' Fair or chat to your personal tutor.

Team BTC

Team BTC is our over-arching term for our sports academy and is open to all students, regardless of your course or campus. We recognise that many students love playing school sport but have careers ambitions in another industry, so we bring that all

together to ensure your time at College provides everything you want.

Each sport is delivered by highly experienced staff, focused on developing player potential and has strong pathways to a range of semi-professional and professional sports clubs. It's not all about training, it's a supportive package that also give you access to strength and conditioning programmes, sports massage, performance analysis and guest talks from experts in sports psychology.





Honours Academy

If you're a high-flying academic or vocational student who's ambitious, motivated and hardworking, this Academy is designed to stretch and challenge you through additional tuition and coaching.

- During the weekly sessions, you have the opportunity to:
- Prepare for progression to top universities and employers
- Develop leadership skills and extend your learning within and outside your areas of study
- Increase your confidence and improve your public speaking, social and presentation skills
- Take part in master classes from visiting experts
- Take part in trips, visits and residentials such as Oxbridge summer schools

Pathways to Medicine

Pathways to Medicine is an extension of the Honours Academy programme, however you don't need to be a member of the Honours Academy to join Pathways to Medicine. The programme is designed to support students applying for medicine-based courses at university, whether this be a medical degree or a qualification in nursing, children's nursing, midwifery, physiotherapy etc. Those enrolled on the programme have access to a range of guest speakers, undertake an independent research project and receive 1:1 support with their university applications.

“I managed to successfully audition for both Show Choir and Drama Academy. Being a part of these Academies has taught me so much and given me an insight into what it may be like to work in a professional company.”

Alice Cameron | Level 3 Extended Diploma
in Performing Arts
Crispin School Academy

Dance Academy

Find out first-hand what it's like to be a professional dancer working in a dance company. Technique classes help strengthen your performance and your choreography skills are improved through creating innovative performance pieces.

Photography Academy

Develop and expand your photographic skills through live projects, client work, competitions and time spent in the darkroom.

Fashion Academy

The Fashion Academy is open to anyone with an interest in the world of fashion and textiles. You develop a talent for working with trends, branding, merchandising, fashion event management and skills across fashion and textiles.

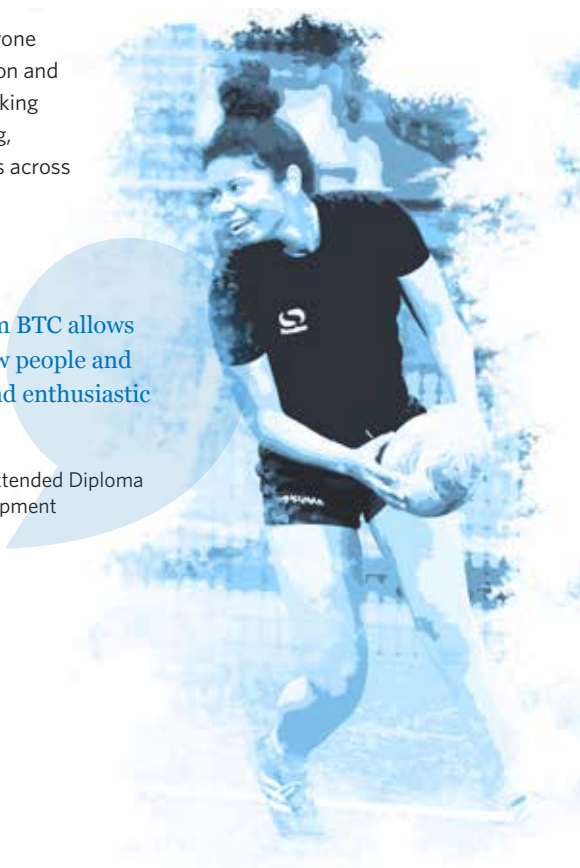
In the Academy, you work on live briefs generated by professional clients, so if you wish to pursue a career in the creative industries or enhance your practical skills, the Fashion Academy helps develop attributes valued by employers or university interviewers.

Drama Academy

This Academy is made up of performers and backstage crews who work to exacting standards. Members engage in a variety of disciplines, from set and costume design to on-stage performing.

“Being a member of Team BTC allows me to meet amazing new people and train with supportive and enthusiastic coaches.”

Kaitlyn Margetts | Level 3 Extended Diploma in Sports Coaching & Development
Bishop Fox's School



Music Academy

This Academy offers you the chance to get involved in exciting modern music projects, regardless of your main subject discipline. The focus is working with, releasing on and running the College record labels. This gives you the opportunity to record and release music globally and interact with areas of music such as, radio stations, blogs, magazines, other labels and promoters.

It also gives you the chance to create content such as artwork, record sleeves, merchandise and music videos for releases. You'll collaborate with other students from a range of backgrounds, and have the chance to rehearse and perform with your own instrument either solo, as part of a small ensemble or larger band.



Show Choir Academy

If you love harmony singing and choreography, you'll love the Show Choir. Students enjoy a busy performance calendar that has included a range of concerts, international tours, festivals and competitions.



Media Academy

The Media Academy incorporates journalism and production. Students work on live briefs generated by professional clients, so if you wish to pursue a career in the creative industries or enhance your practical skills, the Media Academy helps develop attributes valued by employers and university interviewers.

A news blog relating to the College, community or popular culture is just one of the media channels you could be working on in the Journalism School. Previous students have had their press releases about the Media Academy events printed in the local newspapers.

The aim of the Production School is to create promotional and informative videos for real clients. You work in small production teams led by a Project Manager/Director, and offer



a range of services including pre-production planning, project management, camera and sound operation, editing and post-production, title graphics, voice-overs and the sourcing of stock music.

Creative Enterprise Academy

This Academy leads you through the world of creative practice and how to make a success of yourself in the creative industry. From fashion and dance, to music and art, the Academy is suitable for anyone aiming for a career in the arts and will be an exciting journey to discover how to market yourself, define your unique selling points and have a successful career.

999 Academy

If you dream of pursuing criminals, triaging medical emergencies or rescuing people from smoke-filled buildings, this is the Academy for you. BTC has partnered with Devon and Somerset Fire & Rescue Service, South Western Ambulance Service and Avon & Somerset Constabulary to create an exciting Academy for those interested in the uniformed protective services. You will be expected to perform community engagement activities and cover areas such as missing persons' management, first aid, conflict resolution, water and hose training, road traffic collision management and communication, as well as take part in a live scenario at the end of the 18 month programme. It runs one evening a week during term time and entry is by application process only.

Technology Academy

Engineering is an incredibly exciting and fast-moving industry. If you join this Academy, you'll help design and build a Formula 24 electric car to compete in a Greenpower race weekend. This provides a truly unique set of challenges and experiences including vehicle design, technical skills, problem solving and teamwork. It won't just be hours in the workshop though, there are industry visits to discover what's in development and how it's put into practice.

Esports Academy

Esports is a term used to describe competitive video gaming, and is a popular recreational activity that offers many job and career opportunities.

Each competitive game played by the BTC Esports Academy is co-ordinated by experienced staff and students, with a focus on improving player communication and ability in the game. Students play a range of games including League of Legends, Overwatch and Rocket League. They also run other games internally within the spin-off gaming club, including Super Smash Bros and Valorant. BTC students have the resources to play in a competitive environment against some of the best teams in the United Kingdom.

All the British eSports games are cast and streamed, and students launched a Twitch channel to allow others to watch their competitive events.



We're excited to welcome you to our campuses, however in light of Covid-19, please check our website for updates or changes to the proposed schedule. Better still, register at www.btc.ac.uk for our events and we'll send any updates straight to your inbox.

OPEN EVENINGS

Bridgwater campus

Tuesday 12 October 2021	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 19 January 2022	6pm - 8pm
Thursday 9 June 2022	6pm - 8pm

Taunton campus

Wednesday 13 October 2021	6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 18 January 2022	6pm - 8pm
Wednesday 8 June 2022	6pm - 8pm

Cannington campus

Saturday 13 November 2021	10am - 1pm
Saturday 22 January 2022	10am - 1pm
Wednesday 27 April 2022	5.30pm - 7pm

ONLINE Q&AS

Tuesday 19 October 2021	6pm - 7pm
Tuesday 16 November 2021	6pm - 7pm
Wednesday 26 January 2022	6pm - 7pm
Tuesday 15 June 2022	6pm - 7pm

TASTERS

Bridgwater & Cannington campuses

Wednesday 6 October 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Thursday 11 November 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Wednesday 1 December 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Thursday 24 February 2022	9.30am - 12.30pm
Wednesday 15 June 2022	9.45am - 2pm

Taunton campus

Wednesday 10 November 2021	9.45am - 2pm
Wednesday 23 February 2022	9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 16 June 2022	9.30am - 2pm

Register at www.btc.ac.uk/events For further information about these events please call 01278 441216



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