



Information on ESOL

At Blackpool Sixth Form College, we promote equality of opportunity for the development of potential, regardless of individual differences and abilities.

Additional Learning Support

What support is available?

ESOL support can help you with a range of issues including:

- Helping you to settle into College and make new friends.
- Being there for you to provide pastoral support as well as support in your studies.
- Understanding induction and College procedures
- The problems of general living in a foreign country e.g. bank accounts, mobile phones.
- Emphasising information provided by Personal Tutors
- Help with personal statements and C.V.s.
- Advice on University applications and letters.

Independence Skills

If necessary, part of your Learning Agreement could involve developing independence skills including shopping, travelling and money management.

Support is reviewed at the end of the Autumn Term and at the end of each year to ensure the service continues to be successful.

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As an ESOL student (English as a second or other language), studying at the Blackpool Sixth Form College, you will be introduced to a specialist ESOL tutor. The role of the ESOL tutor is to support and guide you with your English needs so that you can gain as much as possible from your time at the College.

We understand that you may require extra support with some of your subjects depending on your prior qualifications and knowledge of English. We aim to provide the best programme to support your studies and prepare you for life after Sixth Form.

To encourage you to develop your skills in English, we offer a two-part programme:

1. In the first year of study, you will take part in a class working towards Skills for Life Adult Literacy Level 1 and 2, taught by a tutor with ESOL qualifications.
2. In the second year of study, you will prepare for The International English Language Testing System examination (IELTS), which has been running in the College since January 2003. The International English Language Testing System examination (IELTS) is taken worldwide by students who intend to study or live in an English speaking country. IELTS is recognised by higher education institutions throughout the world as a measure of competence to study in the medium of English. The IELTS examination assesses how well you can understand and use the kind of English needed to study in an English speaking country.

Our course aims to prepare you for the IELTS examination as well as enhancing chances of acceptance to universities through greater self-confidence, motivation and understanding of English. The final examination is taken at the University of Manchester and as long as you have attended lessons and fulfilled your obligations to College, we will fund one attempt at the IELTS qualification, generally in May of the Upper Sixth.

Recreational Activities

There are lots of recreational / enrichment activities to choose from and each recreation activity will help you to develop your communication and social skills. Please remember that a recreation / enrichment activity is compulsory for all lower sixth students. Support can be provided if necessary. A recreation / enrichment activity is compulsory for all Lower Sixth students. International students also have special social and cultural activities provided. For information contact the International Coordinator.

Counselling

The College offers a counselling service with a role to provide help and guidance to overcome any problems and difficulties that may occur through the academic year.

This leaflet is available on the website:
www.blackpoolsixth.ac.uk

If you need this information presented in a different way or for further queries, please contact:

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