

Building Futures

Work experience &
employer engagement



- Relevant work experience was rated by 66% of recruiting employers as being a critical or significant factor looked for in candidates

(UKCES Employer Perspectives Survey 2014)

- 31% of young people starting their working lives do not feel they have the appropriate skills, citing a lack of work experience (71%) as being their main weakness

(CBI/Pearson Education and Skills Survey 2013)



Inspiring learning, developing character, building futures

Our Core Values

These are the values which underlie everything we do as a college:

Respect

for ourselves, for others,
for the rule of law,
for the environment

Integrity

upholding our values

Excellence & High Aspirations

striving to be the best we can be

Enthusiasm

learning because we love to learn,
teaching because we love to teach

Inclusion

valuing everyone individually

Support

helping everyone to succeed

Global Citizenship

being active in improving our
world and broadening our horizons



BLACKPOOL SIXTH

Study programme

- Committed to developing the whole person and building successful futures
- Wide range of A level and BTEC courses
- GCSE English, maths & science (where required)
- Essential work experience
- Work-related learning
- Enrichment to enhance learning and develop the whole person



Skills development at college

- Communication
- Presentation
- Problem solving
- Time management
- Independent learning
- Group work
- Leadership



Excellent support

- Wide ranging support for students
 - pastoral
 - study skills
 - careers planning and work placement
- Employer support – work placement officer
 - Making connections and meeting needs



Working in partnership with you – how we can work together

- **Work experience opportunities**
- Guest speakers
- Visits and work shadowing
- Guidance with careers
- Assessment support – project work and scenarios
- Curriculum planning – developing skills you need
- Be a director on our governing body



Benefits to you

- Develop & motivate your staff – leadership / management opportunities
- Future recruitment strategy – identify up & coming talent
- Gain new ideas - new perspective to refresh thinking; explore new and emerging markets
- Raise the appeal of your industry & of your business
- Gain an understanding of modern learning & current qualifications
- Connect with the future –
better understand young people as
potential employees & customers



Benefits to students

- Enriches their understanding of the world of work
- Builds confidence and maturity
- Develops work skills such as, communication, time management, organisation and teamwork
- Helps them identify own skills & gaps to work on
- Helps inform career & university choices
- Allows demonstration of what they have to offer – skills, knowledge, commitment and reliability
- Provides real experience & a reference from a reputable company
- Supports future employment



Employer quote

‘Blackpool Carers Centre has worked with Blackpool Sixth for approximately 5 years by providing work experience, internships and apprenticeships.

We have seen how they have **grown in confidence** over a short period of time and how much they have **contributed to our charity**.

Our most successful placement has involved LH..... During this time, LH **volunteered with us** during her summer break. On completing her A levels, LH asked whether we could offer an **apprenticeship** whilst she studied for her AAT exams. Four years later, LH has completed her AAT level 4 and is about to begin her professional ACCA exams. She has **developed significantly** both personally and professionally, and **we now have a trainee accountant on our team**, a great bonus for a small charity.

Our relationship with Blackpool Sixth is strong and we find them to be **supportive, engaged and easy to work with.**’

Chief Executive
Blackpool Carers Centre



Employer quote

‘Working with Blackpool Sixth is a **privilege** for all at Santander as it gives us an **insight** into the **how our young adults prepare for their future**. By **investing time in future work colleagues** via placements, Santander can help give students a flavour of what banking is all about on a local basis **guided and coached** by all members of our branch teams.’

Branch manager
Santander



Local employers & Blackpool Sixth - *working together to build successful futures*



- **Chelsea Markham**

A levels in business, economics & geography

- **Hannah Fletcher**

Level 3 BTEC in health & social care

- **Josh Worrall**

A levels in economics, maths, religion, ethics & philosophy and extended project qualification (EPQ)

- **Lucy Churchill**

Level 3 BTEC in travel & tourism



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