



Stella Mann College BTEC HNC/HND in Performing Arts Application Information

To apply for the BTEC Level 4 and 5 HNC and HND in Performing Arts at Stella Mann College, you must apply both to Stella Mann College and Bedford College.

Stella Mann College Audition

The practical audition at Stella Mann College is the important first stage of this process, although you can follow the Bedford College/UCAS process below at the same time. To get an audition at Stella Mann College candidates must apply directly to Stella Mann College. Application forms can be downloaded from the Stella Mann College website at:

<http://www.stellamanncollege.co.uk/further-downloads>

Information about what audition days will entail and what candidates should prepare is found at:

<http://www.stellamanncollege.co.uk/our-auditions>

Bedford College and UCAS

Although the qualification is delivered entirely by and at Stella Mann College, registering through Bedford College gives BTEC students access to the Higher Education Loan system, through which students can receive loans of £6,000 per year of the BTEC course. They may also access maintenance loans (and some grants) through this system, although these are means-tested.

Candidates must therefore apply to Bedford College via the UCAS system. The institution code for Bedford College is BEDF B23 and the course code for the one-year HNC is 2D11 and the course code for the two-year HND is W470. The code for a Level 5 one-year top-up course if you have already taken a Level 4 HNC elsewhere is W4R8.

More information about this stage of the application process can be found on the Bedford College website at:

<http://www.bedford.ac.uk/our-courses/subjects/performing-arts/performing-arts-performance-pathway-hnc>

<http://www.bedford.ac.uk/our-courses/subjects/performing-arts/performing-arts-performance-pathway-hnd>

To access the Student Loans candidates must be resident in the UK or EU and be 18 years when starting the course. It will be expected that most candidates will have relevant Level 3 qualifications in Performing Arts, although each candidate's suitability will be judged at audition at Stella Mann College, as described above.

Offers and Finance

Successful audition candidates will usually be given unconditional offers from Stella Mann College and this information will be fed back to Bedford College. Candidates can then apply for the HE loan via:

<https://www.gov.uk/student-finance>

Note that Bedford College must be given as the HE institution on this application.

More information about UCAS application and Student Finance application will be given at the Stella Mann College audition.

Term Dates and Fees

Each year at Stella Mann College runs from around the middle of September to the middle of July and contains 33 weeks of study. Exact term dates are published on the Stella Mann College website each year.

The BTEC courses as delivered within the College's full time 3-year Performers' Diploma Course. The total fee for this each year will be £10275 (2016-2017). If a student undertakes the BTEC qualification whilst at the College and accesses the Student Loan they will only pay the top-up of £4275 per year (2016-2017). Payable termly: £1425 (three terms per year.)

In addition, there is a registration fee paid to Pearson for the BTEC, payable upon enrolment at Bedford College at the start of the course. This year the registration fee for the HNC was £165.30 and for the HND £199.40. (2015-2016)

At the moment the BTEC courses can be taken within the first and second year of this 3-year course but we are currently working to provide a full degree top-up course to be undertaken in the third year of study at Stella Mann College, which would extend the access to the HE loans for the full three years of the course, rather than just the first two.

For any more information about this process please see the above websites or contact Stella Mann College. You can find our details here:

<http://www.stellamanncollege.co.uk/contact-us>