**Sysco Higher Education Offer Letter 2020/21**

**Dear (applicant),**

This letter is to confirm the acceptance of your application to the Pearson BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)/ Pearson BTEC Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre). The programme will commence in early September 2020, with expected completion in the first week of July 2021.

This letter aims to set out some further details that you will require as part of your Higher Education programme with Sysco, with regards to the content of the programme as well as information around Course Fees.

**Programme Information**

**Overview of the award – what does the course involve?**

The qualification provides a thorough grounding in the key concepts and practical skills required in the performing arts sector. Alongside the development of practical skills across the disciplines of singing, dancing and actin, you will be encouraged to explore an entrepreneurial approach to the Performing Arts industry.

**Aims of the programme**

The academic content of this programme concentrates on providing opportunities for full-time students to gain a nationally recognised qualification. This will enable students to enter employment in the Performing Arts industry and progression to higher education qualifications such as a full-time top-up degree in Musical Theatre, Dance, Drama and Voice Studies.

This is exclusive of additional rehearsals and performances that you may be given to opportunity to participate in.

**Assessment**

You will be required to complete an assessment for each module of your course. Your work will be assessed in each unit through the completion of project-based assignments. The work you will be required to complete will be a mixture of theoretical and practical projects, always with the emphasis on relevance to the Performing Arts industry. Assessment can take a number of forms including: logs, vlogs, group work, rehearsals, presentations, written assignments and live performance.

**Units**

All Unit documentation, such as Module Handbooks and Assignment Briefs, is available on the Higher Education page of Sysco’s website. This will also be stored on Sysco’s own programme VLE.

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| **BTEC Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) Units** |
| **Mandatory Units** | **Optional Units** |
| Unit 1 - The Performing Arts Industry | Unit 9 - Choreography 1 |
| Unit 2 - Professional Development | Unit 15 - Ensemble Singing |
| Unit 3 - Jazz Dance 1 | Unit 20 - Devising Theatre and Performance |
| Unit 4 - Singing 1 |  |
| Unit 13 - Acting 1 |  |

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| **BTEC Level 4 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) Units** |
| **Mandatory Units** | **Optional Units** |
| Unit 32 - Creative Research Project | Unit 47 - Choreography 2 |
| Unit 33 - Working in the Performing Arts | Unit 37 - Commercial Dance 2 |
| Unit 39 - Dance for Musical Theatre | Unit 45 - Immersive Theatre |
| Unit 43 - Singing 2 |  |
| Unit 44 - Acting 2 |  |

**Tuition Fees/Student Loans Company**

Tuition Fees for Sysco’s Higher Education Performing Arts programmes are set in line with The City of Liverpool College’s HE tuition fees, at **£6,465** for the 2020/21 Academic Year.

Applications to the Student Loans Company should be made by students who are looking for a loan to cover the costs of the tuition fee. In order to do this, the relevant SLC code on the Student Loans Company portal for your programme is detailed below; please use this code to ensure you apply for the correct HE programme with Sysco. Any errors made on a SLC application may delay approval by the Student Loans Company, which will affect your registration onto programme as well as the payment of your loan.

Code for Sysco Level 4 Higher National Certificate in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) – 892458

Code for Sysco Level 5 Higher National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) – 892459

**Expectations on the HE Programme**

As part of the approval of your HE application, it is expected that you will conform to the required standards of attendance and behaviour of Sysco. This will be no different to the standards previously expected as part of your BTEC Level 3 programme at Brighter Futures; any breaches to these standards may result in further action.

All of the relevant policies for your HE programme are stored on the Higher Education section of the Sysco website for your consideration. They will also be stored and easily accessible on Evolve, the Sysco VLE for your Higher Education programme.

Any queries as to the information set out in this letter can be addressed with Sysco Higher Education staff members.

**Kind Regards,**

**Sysco Higher Education Team**