

APPENDIX B: ENTRY ONTO THE BA (HONS) IN CIRCUS ARTS FOR CURRENT FOUNDATION DEGREE STUDENTS

It is important to note that the Foundation Degree in Circus Arts is a separate programme from the BA (Hons) in Circus Arts. Successful completion of the Foundation Degree in Circus Arts does not guarantee entry onto the BA.

Current Foundation Degree Students will be asked to apply internally for the BA programme in the spring term of the second year of the Foundation Degree. Applications will be considered by the Higher Education department. The Summer Term Student Progress Meeting will determine whether a year 2 Foundation Degree student is at an appropriate level to enter onto and benefit from the BA.

TO BE OFFERED A PLACE ON THE BA PROGRAMME, A 2ND YEAR FOUNDATION DEGREE STUDENT MUST HAVE:

1. Passed all modules of Year Two of the Foundation Degree at the first attempt, except where the concessions panel and exam board has accepted evidence that performance was adversely affected by medical or other concessionary circumstances;
2. Shown clearly their vocational intent and potential for professional employment in the field of contemporary circus, and demonstrated the potential to successfully complete a Circus Arts degree programme at BA level.

For entry onto the BA programme the members of the Student Progress Meeting will decide whether you have met criteria no. 2 by considering if you:

- Have the potential to further develop professional practice as a circus performer in a chosen discipline throughout the BA programme.
- Possess critical, contextual and reflective abilities in relation to performance.
- Be self-aware and have the ability to take responsibility for your learning.
- Adhere to the formal requirements of the programme and have an understanding of how all elements of the programme interconnect.
- Be able to demonstrate creativity and performance skills.
- Have achieved regular grades of 50 or above throughout the final year of the Foundation Degree.
- Have satisfactorily observed the School's code of conduct, including attendance and timely submission of work for assessment, throughout the final year of the FD.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

1. Any student who receives grades of below 50 in any module will be discussed for progression suitability at Student Progress Meeting. If concerns about suitability for the BA are raised, this will be discussed with the student following the meeting where possible. This includes students who may gain better advantage for their career by entering the profession after the Foundation Degree or in the opinion of the Higher Education teaching staff have

reached their physical potential and for whom the BA year would be impractical, or even unadvised. Whilst all attempts will be made to inform a student early of any doubts as to their suitability for the BA, issues may arise during the final term of the year that could cause concern and there may not be time to discuss these with a student prior to the student being informed of the outcome of their application.

2. Final confirmation of the outcome of an application to the BA cannot be communicated to students until after the Student Progress Meeting in July, where all recommendations are confirmed. Students will be informed of the decision in writing following the meeting, and will be offered an opportunity to discuss the outcome at a meeting with their course manager and/or another relevant member of staff. Please note that this meeting is for further feedback only – the decision of the Student Progress Meeting is final.
3. Students are strongly advised to ensure an understanding of the regular feedback provided throughout the course (particularly in the area of circus discipline), and request tutorials to ask for further clarification, in order to be in a position to properly assess their own progression.
4. Students who are confirmed as being offered a place on the BA at the Summer Student Progress Meeting will start the BA the following term. Students who are not offered a place on the BA at this time may make future application to the BA as an external applicant, although they will need to demonstrate through the admissions process that they have successfully addressed the areas for development which led to their original application being unsuccessful.
5. Students who are registered on the National Centre for Circus Arts Foundation Degree are already being formally assessed for entry onto the BA throughout the year and are therefore not eligible to undertake an external application or audition. Students who are offered a place on the BA following Student Progress Meeting in July are not permitted to change specific circus discipline (although exceptional circumstances will be considered by the Student Progress Meeting, and may require further assessment for suitability).