



# NOVA

ARTS

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# WELCOME TO NOVA ARTS

Nova Arts is a bright exciting new college in the north that has grown from the success and high standards of the NovaCity dance school. Our multi-storey studio offers an unparalleled learning environment to earn the qualifications we provide.

It's not just about the grades, through many years of work in the dance industry Nova has created a network of professional and active tutors ready to give their real-world experience through our learning programme. This team of top professional teachers, choreographers and directors ensures Nova can provide the highest quality training, education and industry guidance to further our learner's careers.

Our course will cover the traditional aspects of Performing Arts, along with incorporating the up to date styles of the constantly evolving demands of the industry. Working alongside the biggest names in the industry, Nova can provide unlimited opportunities for all students, including both locally and on a national level. through showcases, competitions, teaching experiences and public performances.

We believe that with hard work and determination all our student's aspirations and dreams can be realised.

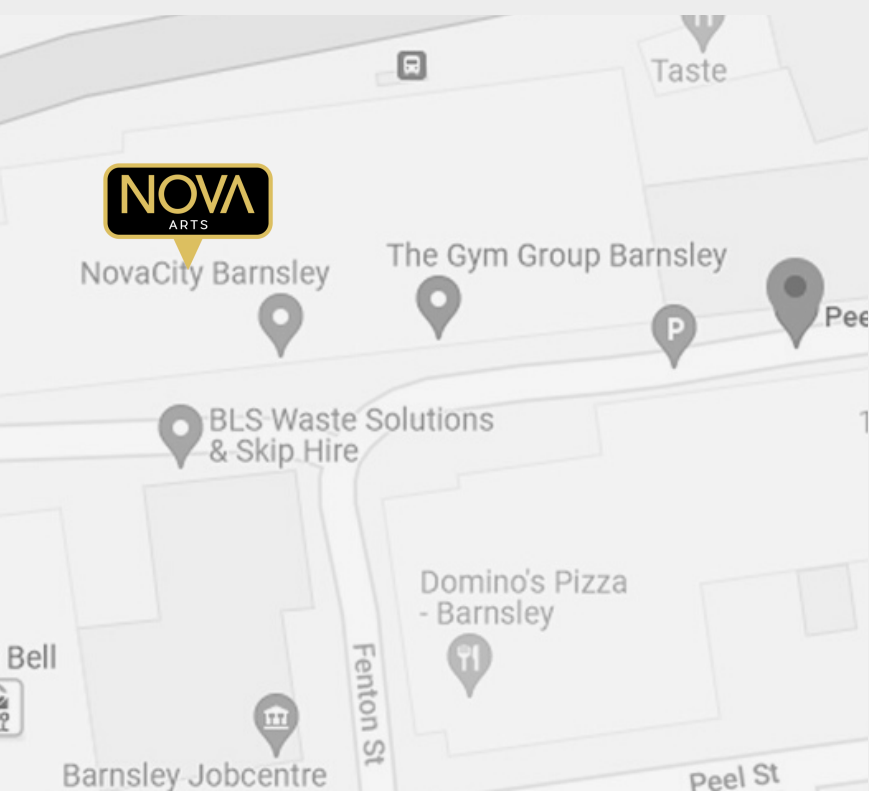
# THE FACILITY

Developed for the Sept 2019 - 2020 academic year NovaCity began renovation on the top floors of our facility in Barnsley town centre, and with the help of a Sport England funding grant, Nova Arts was born.

Providing multiple studios and classrooms, the environment suits the intense and focused teaching and learning we provide. Class sizes are kept small to maintain this focus.

The college is easy to get to via public transport and by car, with a dedicated multi-story car park next door that students will use for free via a permit system. Located minutes away from the town centre, shopping, food, drink and social spaces are easily accessible with the new Glassworks project now fully open.

As the college grows, more studios will be added to the final floor of the property allowing the college to take on more students.



## LOCATION

Nova Arts  
Shambles House  
Peel Parade  
Barnsley  
S70 2RN

# THE COURSE



## **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts**

The educational curriculum and qualifications are delivered by Virtual Learning UK, who provide and employ all teaching staff and work in partnership with Nova Arts.

The Extended Diploma is a two-year, full-time course for learners who want to progress to higher education courses in performing arts areas and industry employment.

The course is designed to encourage students to develop a strong understanding of their own body and to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning as well as physical development. By the end of the course, students should feel secure in their knowledge, understanding and skills, enabling growth, independence and excellence.

Whilst there is a clear emphasis on practice-based projects, theory underpins all aspects of the practical work and students are encouraged to adopt a deep, reflective and holistic approach to learning.

The qualification can be earned through two main disciplines, which we call pathways. So if you are a Dancer or a Musical Theatre specialist, the core qualification is the same but your specialty dictates the pathway.



# DANCE

This course is designed to equip the student with the technical ability and understanding to pursue higher education opportunities or enter the dance industry. A practical approach to learning covers all the bases of dance disciplines with the student encouraged to develop their specialisations whilst picking up and training in new skills. This is supported by theory work in the classroom, on visits, or during workshops.

Regular visits from operating professional performers and choreographers ensure that the training is up to date with industry demands.

Dance styles include:

- Ballet
- Streetdance
- Tap
- Jazz
- Contemporary



# MUSICAL THEATRE

This course is designed to equip the student with the technical ability and understanding to pursue Musical Theatre employment or further training. The course is practical with an emphasis on performance and creation. Containing aspects of Acting and Dance this pathway could be seen as an all-rounder qualification for performance. The practical element is supported by theory work in the classroom, based on designing, operating, and performing productions.

Elements of the course include:

- Community Performance
- Singing
- Dance
- Acting Styles

# MEET THE TEAM



LISA BEEBE  
College Director

I have been involved in Dance my entire professional career. Having the opportunity to create Nova Arts has been a dream for many years. Seeing a gap in high standard college training in South Yorkshire I created the college with the goal of providing excellent training for young dancers, that best prepares them for higher education or professional placements.

It is a privilege to be able to welcome you to Nova Arts.



MATTHEW SCHOFIELD  
Tutor

My dance journey started at the age of 16. I have been teaching in the industry across multiple platforms for the past 12 years, teaching several styles of dance - my most prominent styles being Breaking, Popping, House & HipHop.

I recently graduated with a First Class BA Honours Degree in Physical Education and School Sports and currently choreograph performances for many teams that compete throughout the UK.

I am looking forward to sharing my knowledge with the students at NovaArts College and facilitating their learning by offering complex and intricate choreography, I cannot wait to get started.



EMMA LEDGER  
Tutor

Dance has shaped my life and has given me countless invaluable experiences. I aim to share my respect and love for the art form with the next generation of dancers.

After training to be a professional dancer and achieving recognised teaching qualifications with the IDTA, I moved to Leeds to study contemporary dance. After performing and graduating in Leeds, I moved home to Barnsley at 20 years old to establish Emma Ledger Dance.

I am very excited to begin my journey as part of the teaching team at Nova Arts.



STEPHANIE HIRST  
Head of Curriculum

I trained at the University of Central Lancashire and gained a BA Hons in Dance Performance and Teaching. Alongside my degree, I taught after-school clubs and was part of a performance group that performed at charity events, hair shows, and various clubs.

I have taught across multiple platforms over the past 9 years and had dancers gain 1st place in regional and national Freestyle competitions. I have also gained my PGCSE in lifelong learning specialising in dance and have gained experience teaching BTEC L3 Dance and Musical Theatre. I am extremely pleased to join the Nova Arts team and can't wait to get started.

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