



BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts

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Subject specific entry requirements:

- Grade 5 in GCSE in English Literature and/or Language
- There is no requirement to have studied GCSE Drama, but it is expected that those who have should gain at least a grade 5 in GCSE Drama.

What skills are required of students?

Students will need to be confident and analytical in their approach to a wide range of performance styles and techniques. They will be expected to approach the course with an open mind and be willing to explore concepts and challenge them through discussion, written work and most importantly, practically.

In order to develop understanding of the Performing Arts sector, students will be expected to attend performances and to undertake independent wider reading tasks.

Course details

In BTEC Level 3 National Certificate in Performing Arts, students will work practically in lessons developing their understanding of a broad range of theatre styles and practitioners; working collaboratively and independently. Students will need to be able to present ideas and negotiate their way through several performance styles in order to create a range of performances.

Modules titles and codes:

Unit 1- Investigating Practitioners' Work.

Unit 2- Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance.

Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop

Unit 19: Acting Styles

What kinds of work will you do in class and at home?

- Lessons will be practical based with a focus on the development, and application, of a range of performance skills.
- Students will be expected to attend rehearsals outside of lessons and there will be the need to attend live performances when possible (seeing theatre accounts for part of the wider reading).
- Lessons will follow the format of teacher and peer led workshops followed by an analysis.

What other A-levels does your subject connect well with?

English, History, Languages, Religion, Philosophy and Ethics and Psychology.

What types of university course will be helped by this BTEC?

As well as developing specific subject knowledge, the course will enable students to develop interpersonal skills which will be invaluable in any course that they enrol on. As an addition to the 3 chosen A levels, it will enhance any UCAS application with the continued development of the skills acquired throughout the course. These can be utilised in both the application process as well as interviews throughout a students' time at university or work.