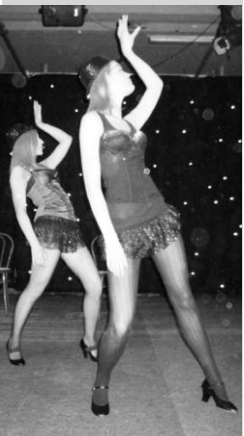




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Performing Arts

BTEC National
Diploma
(Double Award)



WHY CHOOSE PERFORMING ARTS?

The BTEC Performing Arts Course is a vocational course intended for those who think they may want to pursue a career in this area. Students will develop skills and working practices that will start to equip them for a career and/or further study in this field.

HOW USEFUL WILL IT BE?

The training you will get in the Performing Arts on this course will be extremely useful as grounding for a whole range of careers in this field; from performers to technicians, arts administration and event organising. The skills you will learn will also be transferable to other careers such as public relations, sales and media.

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO DO TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

It is essential that you have studied Drama, Music or Dance at GCSE level and achieved good marks for practical work. If you have been involved in performing outside of school this will be an advantage. After you have applied you may be asked to attend a practical workshop to show us what performance skills you have. Everyone wanting to follow the course must attend this workshop to ensure that it is the right course for them.

Students who choose BTEC Performing Arts do so because they love performing. This course is very practical. Although written work in various forms is required, this is not an academic course. The course is physically demanding, but this reflects the performing arts industry.

This course will demand a considerable amount of your own time. You will be required to attend professional performances as well as take part in those at school. You should expect to attend some rehearsals outside of school time. Most important to succeed on this course is energy, enthusiasm and a genuine love for your area of interest in the performing arts.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY ON THE COURSE?

Over the two years of the course you will study, through practical workshops and performances, a wide range of subject matter in your chosen area. You will learn techniques in singing, acting, voice, movement and dance. You will develop your skills through the exploration of texts and ideas, theatrical practitioners, and vocal and movement techniques in practical workshops.

You will take part in a range of public performances (including touring a production to local primary schools) to demonstrate your skills and the end of the course will culminate in a final major project. The course will also teach you how to start a career in performing arts including marketing yourself, auditions and finding work (this may include some work experience on a relevant placement).



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HOW ARE THE COURSES ASSESSED?

Internally assessed and externally moderated. (Assessed rehearsals, presentations, logbooks and performances)

HOW MUCH TIME WILL YOU HAVE TO SPEND ON PRIVATE STUDY / RESEARCH?

Year 1: at least 5 hours per week.

Year 2: at least 6 hours per week.

In both years students will need to rehearse after school, attend theatre productions and workshops.

