

Enrichment Activities

Performing Arts

BTEC National Extended Certificate: Level 3

This Course

This exciting course will suit students who enjoy performing, working together and developing ideas and concepts. You will develop a range of skills relating to dancing, acting and singing. The course provides opportunities to develop skills in creativity and performance, audition preparation and professional training in each discipline. The course is defined through a variety of unit options, enabling students to develop, both practical and theoretical skills in each discipline. You will be expected to take a two-hour theory exam using research you have collated about different practitioners (concentrating on your specialism – Acting/Dance or Musical Theatre). You will also be expected to produce and perform in a minimum of two external performance including the whole school show and a straight play or dance performance. You can choose from the following pathways; Dance, Drama or Musical Theatre.

This year we have looked at:

Acting Styles

Performing in different texts

Musical theatre

Choreography for live performance

Contemporary dance technique

Group performance work (devised)

Physical theatre techniques

Community theatre.

Why Performing Arts?

The Performing Arts BTEC is a very useful qualification as it prepares students for degrees in Drama, English, Humanities and any Performing Arts course. In the past we have students successfully audition for Acting courses, Dance courses and also theatre technician courses.

Students tend to be good communicators and the course helps to refine and develop these skills, which are useful in all walks of life. Performing Arts is useful for a career in Teaching, Business, Marketing, Law, Advertising and also Health and Social Care.

What's expected from me?

Students need to be interested in all aspects of Performing Arts. Excellent time management skills are essential and you must be confident performing in front of an audience.

Entry requirements: students should have achieved a minimum of a Grade 4 at GCSE in at least one Performing Arts subject, plus a minimum of a Grade 4 in GCSE English.