

Our Vocational Award in Performing Arts will develop students' knowledge and understanding of the performing arts sector and provide them with opportunities to develop associated practical skills. It covers performing, creating and performance arts in practice.

BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Performing Arts is equivalent to **two** A Levels.

Throughout the two years students will study 8 units, of which 6 are mandatory and 3 are externally assessed.

The mandatory units include:

- Investigating Practitioners' Work
- Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
- Group Performance Workshop
- Performing Arts in the Community
- Individual Performance Commission
- Final Live Performance to an Audience.

The optional units are varied and offer a diverse range of skills or specialism such as:

- Jazz Dance Technique
- Street Dance Technique
- Contemporary Dance Technique
- Theatre Directing
- Writing for Performance
- Screen Acting
- Singing Techniques for Performers
- Children's Theatre Performance
- Physical Theatre Techniques
- Musical Theatre Techniques
- Puppetry Technique
- Performing with Masks
- Developing Skills and Techniques for Performance.

All pathways in this qualification will prepare our students for direct employment in the performing arts sector, and are suitable if they wish to enter a particular specialist area of work, such as:

- dancer
- actor
- performer.

This qualification also supports progression if the student is seeking further learning as part of an Apprenticeship in the field of community arts and technical theatre. There are

many roles in this sector where recruitment is at graduate level. The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses, for example:

- BA in Dance
- BA in Acting
- BA in Musical Theatre
- BA in Technical Theatre.

However, studying any one pathway does not restrict the student's progression, but it does help employers to understand areas that they have studied. Should our students wish to follow a different pathway at university or college, his qualification also includes valuable transferable skills that universities value include:

- the ability to learn independently
- the ability to research actively and methodically
- the ability to give presentations and be active group members.
- reading technical texts
- effective writing
- analytical skills
- creative development
- preparation for assessment methods used in a degree.

This course also develops employability skills in the following three main categories:

- cognitive and problem-solving skills: using critical thinking, approaching non-routine problems applying expert and creative solutions, using systems and technology
- interpersonal skills: communicating, working collaboratively, negotiating and influencing, self-presentation
- intrapersonal skills: self-management, adaptability and resilience, self-monitoring and development.