

BTEC Performing Arts Subsidiary Diploma (Level 3) Equivalent to one A Level

Examination Board: Pearson Edexcel

Entry Requirements: Merit of above in Performing Arts at Level 2

Course Content:

This is a new and exciting course that has been fully accredited by the Department of Education, in line with all Advanced qualifications in this subject area. BTEC qualifications have completely changed this year to stand in line with A levels and to be fully recognised and respected as an advanced level subject in 96% of all universities across the country.

How are the units graded?

Units are assessed using a grading scale of Distinction, Merit, Pass and Unclassified.

There is no unit grade of D*, however if a learner achieves a D in every unit they will effectively be awarded a D* overall. For external units only a grade of N may be awarded for learners not gaining enough marks for a P grade. This is to ensure that learners are awarded appropriately for the achievement they have demonstrated.

This is a great course for students who enjoy performing in front of a live audience and working as part of a team.

The Performing Arts Extended Certificate is the equivalent to 1 'A' over the two year course.

During the course you will complete the following 4 units:

Exam units	Internally assessed units
<u>Unit 1 Investigating Practitioners' Work</u> -you will write 2000 words on a key practitioners' in controlled assessment conditions.	<u>Unit 2 Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance</u> You will be video over 10 hours during rehearsal showing the examiner how you have developed your acting skills. You will be expected to keep a logbook for this unit.
<u>Unit 3 Group Performance Workshop</u> You will work as a group to direct, produce and perform a play in exam conditions. You will be given a stimulus to work from and will have to write an essay on your final performance.	<u>Unit 21 Improvisation</u> A unit in which you explore a range of improvisation techniques and are filmed in two short improvisation performances.

Further Course Information:

See Miss A Cooper or visit the BTEC website for more information.

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/BTEC-Nationals/Performing-Arts/20161/specification-and-sample-assessments/Specification-Performing-Arts-National-Extended-Certificate.pdf>

Future Uses:

Teach! Act! Perform. Drama Therapy. An ex student who took this course has just been signed to Sony and has recorded his first album!