

Aim:

The qualification has three components that focus on the assessment of knowledge, skills and practices. The aim of the course is to develop understanding of the Performing Arts industry. Also, exploring acting skills in a range of styles and working with others to create performances that are delivered to audiences.

Where will it take me?

The Level 2 Technical award provides a firm foundation for you to continue your studies in the Performing Arts. Students may opt to continue studying a Level 3 BTEC Qualification or A Level in Drama / Performing Arts. Other students may consider specialising in technical aspects of production including lighting and sound.

What will I learn?

The course has 3 components.

1. Exploring the Performing Arts: Within this component you will explore different theatre and practitioners' styles. You will analyse professional work and then take part in practical activities within the specified style to gain both practical and theoretical knowledge.
2. Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts: Within this unit you develop and improve your acting skills and techniques which you will then apply to a performance. You will replicate a professional repertoire applying the relevant skills and techniques in rehearsal and performance. You will monitor your own progress by setting and reviewing targets.
3. Performing to a brief: In this component you will be given a stimulus and a brief. As part of a group, you will develop your ideas for a workshop performance and apply your skills and techniques to communicate your creative intentions to your audience. This is an externally set and assessed component.

How will I learn?

You will learn on the course through practical exploration within workshops and rehearsals. These skills and techniques will be applied to a performance. Other evidence generated includes written logbooks detailing creative processes and evaluation of practical work. The course requires you to work in groups, use your own initiative and demonstrate discipline throughout rehearsals and when logging your own reflections.

What skills will I need to complete the course?

Lessons will be a mixture of practical and theory based, learning about different styles of theatre, exploring play texts and devising performances. Students are required to complete research logs and written notes about the plays they are studying and create a portfolio of ideas for any devised work. This is an essential part of the course and provides the basis for formal written assessments and the exam. You will need to be open-minded, self-critical, willing to work with others to build your creativity and confidence and be prepared to let your emotions show through physical and powerful expression.

What homework can I expect?

You will be expected to participate within research based on the performance/play being studied along with learning lines and performance preparation. You will also be required to complete logbook reflections of practical work and written evaluations.

Additional Requirements

You will complete 3 components 2 are internally marked (Component 1 & 2) and assessed and one is marked and set externally (Component 3). Students need to have a willingness to perform in front of an audience. The qualification received is a Pearson BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Performing Arts.

For further information please see Mrs Ross