Performing Arts BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate



Exam Board: Pearson

What is Performing Arts?

Performing Arts gives an engaging and stimulating introduction to the study of the sector. It aims to equip learners with transferable knowledge and skills for progression to higher education. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A Level.

The Performing Arts sector refers to: Dance, Acting and Musical Theatre.

What will I study?

There are three mandatory units, one internal and two external.

Mandatory Units:

Investigating Practitioners' Work Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance Group Performance Workshop

Optional Unit:

Learners must also complete one optional unit.

What entry requirements will I need?

Leaners are expected to have achieved a grade 5 or equivalent in music, dance or drama Learners may be asked to take part in a short audition to demonstrate knowledge, skills and any previous experience of the subject.

How will I be taught?

Learners can be expected to develop their knowledge and skills through various methods including: reading texts, extended writing, analytical skills, creative development, communication skills, collaborative skills, independence, preparation for assessment methods.

How will I be assessed?

Learners will gain a taste and an appreciation of performing arts, through knowledge and experience of the performance process. Learners will be assessed mainly through performance, composition, creating and analysing.

What career opportunities does this open up?

In addition to the performing arts sector-specific opportunities, this qualification provides learners with the opportunity to develop all-round performance skills and could go on to seek opportunities in film, television, music, dance, musical theatre and acting to name a few. The course ensures a wealth of transferable skills such as self-confidence, self-presentation, personal discipline, time management and organisational skills which are highly regarded by higher education and employers.