

Course Titles: BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts

Awarding Body: Edexcel

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The BTEC Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts (2022) is for students interested in taking a hands-on course that will offer them an insight into what it is like to work in the performing arts sector.

This course enables learners to develop skills that are integral to a wide range of roles (from performing to designing and directing) across the creative industries, including film and television, theatre, games, and advertising. Through this course, students will acquire sector-specific applied knowledge and skills, develop their own technical, practical and interpretative skills through workshops and classes, and to apply them in the internal and external assessments.

In addition, learners will develop transferable and employability skills such as responding to a brief, self-development, planning, time management and communication.

As a creative subject with a focus on application, there is no written exam. The BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts is equivalent to 1 GCSE.

Why Study Acting and Performing Arts?

Students develop the knowledge, skills and understanding to approach a role. Students develop essential technical and interpretive skills fundamental to the art of acting. Working as a cast develops mutual respect and understanding; the concept of teamwork is of paramount importance.

By exploring and appreciating characters, students consider other people's perspectives and are able to think about, express and critically evaluate views that are not their own. Students negotiate and make decisions, both in role and as themselves. Students learn the skills of exploring a text from initial understanding and textual analysis through character creation and development, rehearsal techniques and the exploration of text to the requirements for performance.

What will I study?

The course consists of three components.

Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts

Learners will develop their understanding of the performing arts by examining the work of performing arts professionals and the processes used to create performance.

Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts

Learners will develop their performing arts skills and techniques through the reproduction of acting, repertoire as performers or designers.

Component 3: Responding to a Brief

Learners will be given the opportunity to work as part of a group to contribute to a workshop.