

## **BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts**

### **Overview:**

BTEC qualifications are designed to provide highly specialist, work-related qualifications that give learners the knowledge, understanding and skills they need to prepare for employment. [www.edexcel.com](http://www.edexcel.com) has more details.

The Level 3 Performing Arts course is challenging, adventurous and explores many different dramatic conventions, styles, theatre practitioners and live professional production. It is a practical and engaging course and one that will need lots of energy and commitment from you. The course also requires you to complete extensive research tasks and reflective and analytical writing throughout. It will change the way you look at yourself and the world around you.

### **Content:**

The course is a 360 guided learning hour qualification that consists of three mandatory units: Investigating Practitioners' Work, Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance and Group Performance Workshop, as well as one optional unit, Improvisation.

You will develop a real understanding of the Performing Arts Industry and how to function within it. You will become an active member of a theatre company and be graded on what you do. The course is taught in Units, is very flexible and you will be looking at different styles of performance, writers and plays. You will work as an individual, but also as part of an ensemble.

### **Entry requirements:**

Some students will have already studied BTEC Level 2 Performing Arts (Acting) or GCSE Drama. GCSE Grade 5 or above in Drama or Merit L2 in Performing Arts is desired. Experience of performing is vital; you must enjoy working collaboratively and a Level 4 or above in English is essential. You must be willing to push yourself physically and emotionally, be both creative and disciplined and be open to new ideas.

### **How will I be assessed:**

Over the two year course you will complete:

Three mandatory units – one internally and two externally assessed and one optional unit, internally assessed.

No final exam. Possible grades are Pass, Merit, Distinction and Distinction\*

### **Progression:**

This course enables students to gain an entry qualification for a variety of courses in Higher Education – theatre based or in another academic discipline. Due to the nature of the subject we create a very versatile and transferable toolkit of skills which an education or employment establishment would be looking for. This includes problem solving, team work, perseverance, creative and analytical thinking. As well as understanding of how to present ourselves confidently and speak in a public forum.