

# PERFORMING ARTS – ACTING

## BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL EXTENDED DIPLOMA

### SINGLE AWARD



The extended certificate is for students who are interested in learning about the performing arts sector alongside other fields of study, with a view to progressing to a wide range of higher education courses, not necessarily in Performing Arts. It is designed to be taken as part of a programme of study that includes other appropriate BTEC Nationals or A Levels. As this is one A-Level the route which will be study on this programme will be Acting.

*If selected alongside dance, students will complete further units to achieve a double award.*

#### **How it's assessed**

- 360 Guided learning hours
- Equivalent in size to one A Level
- 4 units of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are externally assessed
- Mandatory content (83%)
- External assessment (58%).

#### **What could this qualification lead to?**

In addition to the performing arts sector-specific content, this qualification provides learners with the opportunity to develop all-round performance skills and transferable skills such as self-confidence, self-presentation, personal discipline, time management and organisational skills which are highly regarded by higher education and employers.

Other skills essential for further study include research, independent learning, extended writing, sourcing, evaluating information and drawing conclusions which are covered in the Investigating Practitioners' Work unit. The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for degree courses when taken alongside other Level 3 qualifications such as A-Levels.

Depending on the other qualifications learners have taken, they can progress to a degree programme from a wide range of programmes in the performing arts sector. Progression can be to an honours degree or to a BTEC Higher National, Foundation Degree, or a Higher Apprenticeship. The qualification will particularly support entry to degrees where knowledge of the sector is relevant. Learners should always check the entry requirements for degree programmes with specific higher education providers.

#### **What will you need to study this course?**

Students will need to meet the Sixth Form entry requirements as well as hold a relevant qualification or demonstrate continued commitment to their development in the Performing Arts. External candidates will need to follow an audition process involving a one minute monologue piece and workshop.

#### **Units include:**

- Investigating Practitioners' work (externally assessed)
- Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
- Group Performance Workshop (externally assessed)
- Plus one other unit from a range of Performing Arts genres (Unit chosen will be Acting)