

Performing Arts - Dance

Exam Board: Edexcel
Course Code: 603/7054/3

Level 1/Level 2 BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts; Dance

Performing Arts - Dance course overview

This course is equivalent to one GCSE and is perfect for students who are interested in the Performing Arts industry. This course allows students to develop sector-specific applied knowledge and skills through realistic vocational contexts. During Year 10, students develop their experience and knowledge of a range of dance styles and professional pieces, including Hip Hop, Contemporary and Musical Theatre. Students develop their practical skills further by reproducing the repertoire studied, as well as researching the artistic intentions behind the piece, to ensure they are displaying the stylistic qualities required. Students then have the chance to choreograph their own group pieces in Year 11, using the given stimuli set by the exam board. This is an opportunity to display the techniques, styles and skills learnt and developed throughout Year 10.

This course is highly practical, and focuses on developing your physical skills, as well as developing an understanding of the performing arts industry.

How is the course assessed?

Exploring the Performing Arts – Component one (60 marks)

Internal written assessment. Developing an understanding of 3 dance styles and performances pieces. Creating a research portfolio to display artistic intention.

Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts – Component two (60 marks)

Internal practical assessment. Through practical workshops, develop skills and techniques whilst learning 3 different professional pieces, in 3 different styles.

Responding to a Brief – Component three (60 marks)

External practical and written assessment. Students are given an external stimulus to choreograph a group dance based on. To support their practical ideas, they must complete three essays on their ideas, skills and evaluating the entire process and final performance.

Is this course for you?

You should seriously consider taking Dance if:

- You enjoy Performing Arts (dance, drama, music, theatre etc.)
- You want to develop a range of skills such as creativity, confidence, self-esteem, teamwork, collaboration and communication
- You like to learn through practical activities

What could this course lead to?

The course provides an excellent progression route onto a Level 3 Performing Arts or Dance specific course. Either BTEC or A-Level. Performing Arts can lead you onto careers such as performers, teachers, theatre technicians, designers and many more. The course focuses on developing a range of transferable skills, to suit a range of career options.

Who can I contact for further advice or support?

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