

BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN PERFORMING ARTS

WHAT IS PERFORMING ARTS?

Performing Arts is an exciting course, which focuses largely on you as a performer. You will develop your personal skills as a performer, working as a member of a performance company on a number of practical projects, alongside which you will research and report on aspects of the Performing Arts as a career path.



USEFUL SKILLS & INTERESTS

- A natural ability in acting, design or technical theatre where we can develop your existing skills in these areas
- The ability to keep ongoing, accurate and evaluative records of practical work
- The confidence to read aloud in front of large groups
- The confidence to participate in group practical work

COURSE STRUCTURE & CONTENT

You will work intensively to develop one area of skills associated with performing. You will need to keep an accurate record of your working process and the development of your chosen skills through detailed Actor's Logs. You will undertake several performance projects in a range of styles, focussing mainly on Acting, but with the option to include Singing and/or Dance if these are your areas of interest and experience. You will produce a portfolio on one particular Career Path in the Performing Arts, considering training requirements, employment opportunities and the skills required to make a success of that career. You will consider the influence of important Practitioners in the History of Theatre, and will practically explore their ideas in workshops and practical projects. As well as working in the classroom you will also get to enjoy trips to the theatre, workshops with visiting professionals, and the use of a highly equipped professional theatre studio.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The Performing Arts method of assessment is by practical projects, supported by written research tasks and Actor's Logs, which are internally marked. There are also two externally examined units, including the creation of an original piece of performance based on a pre-released stimulus.

COURSE COMMITMENT

You are expected to wear appropriate clothing – dark colours, which allow freedom of movement, sensible footwear and no jewellery (for health and safety reasons). You will also be expected to be involved in the course way beyond your timetabled lessons, so you must be prepared to work beyond the normal college hours.

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

For entrance on to this course you will need to meet the college standard entry requirements for Advanced Level study of 5 GCSE passes (grades 4 - 9) including English. Although we may be able to take into account any performance experience you have if you don't quite achieve these grades, and you must be able to work closely alongside other members of the class.

PROGRESSION ROUTES

If you're looking at going on to University or College you could take a degree in

- Drama & Theatre Studies
- Performing Arts
- Performance Design and Management
- Media Performance
- Drama School
- Many other degree level subjects

If you're looking at going straight into employment, you could go into

- Performance support
- Administration for performance
- Workshop leadership and support
- Acting
- Theatre in education
- Work that requires excellent communication skills

Some students who studied this course at Prior Pursglove College progressed on to:

- Manchester Metropolitan University – **Acting**
- Trinity Laban Conservatoire – **Contemporary Dance**
- Cumbria University – **Dance & Musical Theatre/BA Performing Arts**
- Northumbria University – **Childhood Studies & Disability Studies / Drama & Applied Theatre**
- Salford University – **Performance, Drama & Theatre**
- York St John – **Primary Education**

STUDENT COMMENTS

What our Performing Arts students say:

"This subject is a perfect way to improve skills both for performance and confidence to control and improve your life in general."

"Doing Performing Arts has helped me plan my future. Picking performances to audition for out of college and picking performance courses for University wouldn't have happened without doing the course and trips in Performing Arts!"

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you require further information please contact the college.

*Please note that the information in this leaflet is correct at the time of publication, but circumstances may arise which cause us to revise our provision.
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