



Performing Arts (Drama) – BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts (Acting)

A BTEC Tech Award is equivalent to one GCSE grade A*- C, but is marked Pass-Distinction*.

To be awarded a BTEC Tech Award the student must complete the following units:

There are three components to the BTEC Acting course:

Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts (Year 10)

The students will develop their understanding of the performing arts by examining practitioners' work and the processes used to create performance. To develop as a performer they need a broad understanding of performance work and influences. To gain a realistic overview of performing arts repertoire, they will learn about the skills and techniques of acting. This component will help them to understand the requirements of being an actor across a range of performances and performance styles.

Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts (Year 10 +11)

The students will develop their performing arts skills and techniques through the reproduction of acting repertoire. Working as a performer requires the application of skills, techniques and practices that enable them to produce and interpret performance work. The students will take part in a series of workshops to develop their acting skills. This culminates with a short performance piece.

Component 3: Performing to a Brief (Year 11)

The students will work as part of a group to create a workshop performance in response to a given brief and stimulus. Live performance can happen in a number of places and for a range of reasons. For example, they may perform in a traditional performance space to an audience to communicate ideas about a particular theme or issue, or they may be part of a touring group that takes a performance to a community setting, such as a local school, to teach a young audience a safety message.

How is my child assessed during the course?

Components 1 and 2 are coursework units, so student work is internally assessed and may be externally verified by Edexcel. (This means that Edexcel will look at our marking and make sure we are marking to national standards.) When the students have completed a Component they will be awarded a Level 1 Pass, or a Level 2 Pass, Level 2 Merit or a Level 2 Distinction. The students' work for Component 3 is videoed and externally assessed by Edexcel.

What are final exams like in BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts?

The "final" exam is Component 3.

How can I support my child at home and outside of school with his/her learning in BTEC Acting?

For the two coursework components, students will have to complete regular diaries to document and review their progress. These will often be set as home learning and are an

important piece of coursework evidence. It would be helpful if parents could support students in ensuring they complete this weekly home learning and discuss with them what they have been doing in their acting lessons to encourage them to reflect and add detail to their diaries.

For the performance work in Components 2 & 3 the students will have to learn lines. A good way of helping them do this is by sitting down with the script and going over their lines, reading in the other lines and prompting them where necessary.

What can I do on successful completion of the course?

- Level 3 BTEC Performing Arts or A Level Theatre studies (in 6th form)
- Various level 3 courses at college.

How can I find out more? See **Mrs Lee** for more information