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SPRINGBOARD



BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts



OUR COURSE DETAILS

This course enables students to study Drama, Musical Theatre and Dance within one course – Performing Arts. The Extended Certificate is the equivalent of 1 A Level. Whilst students can also study A Levels in Drama & Theatre, Music, Music Technology and/or Dance, the BTEC Performing Arts Extended Certificate does not duplicate content from these courses. Instead it is an ideal subject to be taken alongside one or two creative subjects for those students wishing to pursue a career in the theatre or related industries, or as a way for them to continue their study of a creative performing arts qualification alongside any other subjects. We find that students come with a range of experience across all three disciplines. As long as students are willing to work hard and push themselves out of their comfort zone to expand their performance capabilities then they will thrive.

Alongside the performance aspects of this Level 3 qualification, students are required to complete written work. This written work takes a variety of formats, but all is designed to support students to develop their academic ability as preparation for study or work beyond Level 3. This includes evaluative and critically analytical essay writing, as well as research, accurate referencing, and synthesis of multiple and varied sources of information.

Our students make excellent progress in both their practical and written work in Year 12, which prepares them to achieve excellent overall results in Year 13. This is supported by regular trips to the Theatre to see contemporary performance, as well as visits and workshops with professionals and practitioners. We ensure that the course content is industry focussed and broadens the scope of future possibilities for our learners in the creative industries.



PREPARING FOR STUDY

Sign up to a Dance School or Dance Classes, Acting classes or Singing Classes

Watch as much Theatre and performance as you can.



EMPLOYABILITY

www.prospects.ac.uk

This website gives an insight into some of the things that a performing arts degree may give you a career in.

For others, it may be that you progress directly into the professional world of performing arts and theatre, and work in the West End, Cruise Ships, National and International Tours or creating your own work.





UNIVERSITY COURSES

- Conservatoires of United Kingdom www.cdd.ac.uk
- Urdang Academy theurdang.london
- Performers College www.Performerscollege.co.uk
- Stella Mann Dance College www.stellamanncollege.co.uk
- SLP College www.slpcollege.co.uk
- East 15 www.east15
- Birmingham School of Acting www.bcu.ac.uk
- Rose Bruford Actor/Musicianship www.bruford.ac.uk



OUR TOP READS

Devising: A Handbook for Drama & Theatre Students
by Gill Lamden

Frantic Assembly book of Devising Theatre by Scott
Graham and Steven Hoggett

Matthew Bourne and His Adventures in Dance by
Matthew Bourne

Theatre in Practice: A student's handbook 2nd edition by
Nick O'Brien and Annie Sutton



PEOPLE TO RESEARCH

- Lloyd Newson
- Matthew Bourne
- Akram Khan
- Steven Berkoff
- John Godber



USEFUL ONLINE LINKS

- DV8 www.dv8.co.uk
- Matthew Bourne new-adventures.net
- Gecko Theatre www.geckotheatre.com
- Frantic Assembly www.franticassembly.co.uk



FILMS

Swan Lake New Adventures
The Cost of Living by DV8 vimeo.com



LINKS TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

www.qualifications.pearson.com

