

The Course

At Level 3, the Performing Arts course equips students with the skills, knowledge and understanding that is required for entry into employment or further study/training within the Performing Arts industry. The course offers practical structured learning within the musical theatre discipline, focusing on all strands of acting, singing and dancing. Students will study modules of work ranging from Performance Preparation, Planning for a Career in the Creative and Performing Arts, Ensemble and Solo Music Performance, Ensemble Dance Performance, Audition Techniques and Musical Theatre Performance. One module is externally assessed while the rest of the units will be examined internally through a variety of practical and written work. Students will participate in evening singing, dancing and acting shows, all of which are performed to a live audience. Throughout the two years learners will visit both local and West End theatres where they will have the opportunity to see professional productions and attend workshops by Theatre Arts practitioners.

Assessment

All units contain a written and practical element and will be assessed in front of an audience which will all be recorded. The external unit will be examined by the examination board. Students will study 7 units in total over the two years, units studied are:

- Performance Preparation Externally assessed
- Planning for a Career in the Creative and Performing Arts
- Musical Theatre Performance
- Solo Music Performance
- Ensemble Music Performance
- Audition Techniques
- Ensemble Dance Performance

Each unit will generate a scrap/work book of written evidence to support your practical work, this will include written logs, evaluations, analysis of existing work and investigations/research. You will be expected to complete additional rehearsals in your spare time to ensure that you develop your skills within each discipline of acting, singing and dancing.

Entry Requirements

Pathway 3 entry requirements plus:

 BTEC level 2 in Performing Arts (any discipline) or GCSE in Drama is desirable, but training outside school will be considered

Careers & Higher Education

BA (Hons) degree in Performing Arts, Acting or Dance. Higher Diploma in Performing Arts, Musical Theatre, Acting or Dance at Theatre Colleges. Work within the entertainment, TV, film or Performing Arts industry.

• Experience in dancing, drama or singing.

"I regard the theatre as the greatest of all art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of what it is to be a human being." Oscar Wilde