

Course Title: BTEC Dance

Awarding Body: Edexcel

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Why study Dance?

Dance is a powerful and expressive subject which encourages students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity, whatever their previous experience in the subject. BTEC Performing Arts is for anyone with an interest in dance and performance. You don't need lots of previous experience – just passion and enthusiasm! This specification recognises the role of dance in young people's lives and students will study a range of dance styles and professional performances. They have an opportunity to choreograph their own final performance in any chosen style, providing it meets the assessment criteria. The study of professional works will develop their ability to critically appraise professional dance and provide a springboard for engaging in practical tasks.

Course Outline

Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts

Learners will develop their understanding of the performing arts by examining practitioners' work and the processes used to create performance.

Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts

Learners will develop their performing skills and techniques through the reproduction of dance repertoire.

Component 3: Responding to a Brief

Learners will give the opportunity to work as part of a group to create a workshop performance in response to a given brief or stimulus.

<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/performing-arts.html>

Assessment Format

BTEC Tech Award Level 1 / 2 Performing Arts

Students all follow a linear course which is assessed by coursework and practical examinations throughout the course.

What skills will I need to be successful in this subject?

In order to be successful, students need to demonstrate physical, technical and expressive skills in dance. Students must also be committed and show confidence when performing. Through written communication and use of appropriate terminology, students must be able to critically analyse, interpret



and evaluate their own work in performance and choreography and demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of professional dance works.

Possible Careers and Future Education

This course provides a solid foundation for a career in dance or performing arts and further studies in dance. BTEC Performing Arts gives students the skills and experiences to better prepare them for the demands of a further BTEC/AS/A Level Dance. The course will develop skills that are recognised by universities and employers, including problem solving, creativity and teamwork.

