

## Performing Arts BTEC level 3

### Overview

- Equivalent in size to one A level
- 4 Units, of which 3 are mandatory and 2 are external.
- Mandatory content (83%).
- External assessment (58%).

Mandatory Units: Investigating Practitioners' Work; Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance; Group Performance Workshop

### Will this course suit me?

The Pearson BTEC level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts is intended as an Applied General qualification. It is designed for post-16 learners with an interest in performing arts who want to continue their education through applied learning, and who aim to progress to higher education. The qualification is equivalent in size to one A level and is designed to occupy one-third of a typical study programme, which could include other vocational or academic qualifications, such as further BTEC Nationals or A levels.

This qualification gives a broad introduction to the performing arts sector with an emphasis on core knowledge and fundamental skills which are transferable across other sectors (including communication, presentation, physical and creative skills).

### Opportunities

In addition to the performing arts sector-specific content, this qualification provides learners with the opportunity to develop all-round performance skills and transferable skills such as self-confidence, self-presentation, personal discipline, time management and organisational skills which are highly regarded by higher education and employers.

- communication skills – performing, communicating and presenting ideas to an audience
- collaborative skills – with a focus on self-management, teamwork and participation in group performance which develops collaborative skills and confidence building.

All of the content in the qualification will help prepare learners for further study.

The qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses when taken alongside other qualifications as part of a 2-year programme of learning. It combines well with a large number of subjects at level 3, whether academic or vocational. The qualification can be taken as part of a diverse programme leaving progression options fully open. It can also give context to subjects which would benefit from some sector background. This will depend on the combination of qualifications chosen. For example, taken alongside:

- BTEC National Diploma in Business Enterprise to progress to Business related courses
- A levels in Media and another subject to progress to Creative Events Management type courses