

# BTEC Performing Arts

## Subject Information Sheet

Course Title:	BTEC Performing Arts
Subject:	Performing Arts
Qualification:	BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate Performing Arts (Acting)
Exam Board:	Edexcel
General Course Description	<p>The course is challenging and adventurous and explores many different dramatic conventions, styles, theatre practitioners and live professional production. It's a 'Hands on' course, Practical, Engaging. It will change the way you look at yourself.</p> <p>What is BTEC? Look at <a href="http://www.edexcel.com/i-am-a/student/qualifications/pages/default.aspx">www.edexcel.com/i-am-a/student/qualifications/pages/default.aspx</a></p> <p>The course has a strong practical feel. You will learn through doing. Although the course is called performing arts you will be studying a <i>drama</i> course, there is no music or dance within the course. You will be joining a dynamic and thriving department in which you will become an important member. Our BTEC students lead sessions and direct other year groups.</p> <p>There are written elements to most of the units, and you will undertake research to help broaden your understanding of theatre.</p>
Course Content and Teaching Units	<p>You will develop a real world understanding of the performing arts industry and how to function within in it. A key part of the course is the membership of N2C, an independent theatre company sponsored by KES. Taking an active role in this company will give you a setting for your practical work. Basically you work as part of the company and get graded on what you do. It's a fantastic, practical way to learn. The Course is taught in Units. Broadly speaking you will be looking at different styles of performance and different plays.</p> <p>Follow this for more <a href="http://www.edexcel.com/quals/nationals10/performing/pages/default.aspx">www.edexcel.com/quals/nationals10/performing/pages/default.aspx</a></p>

Entry Requirements	Relevant performance experience plus minimum 5 in GCSE drama
Assessment	4 Units across the two years. <b>No final exam.</b> You are assessed through controlled condition coursework and practical performance.
Financial Information	There is also a 4 day residential trip to London, which provides a fantastic chance to take part in workshops and see a wide range of theatre. You will need Blacks (loose fitting black clothing with no logos, two sets) A way of recording your ideas. Some people use phones, sketchpads, laptops/ iPads or a mix of all of them. A Good hardback notebook is a great start.
Progression Opportunities	This BTEC enables students to gain an entry qualification for a variety of courses in Higher Education. BTEC holds an equivalent to A Level. The course offers many multifunctional skills which means that continuation from the course can be theatre/performance based or in another academic discipline.
Further Information about our courses including results	<p>We had outstanding results. The majority of our students leave with an A or A* equivalent.</p> <p><b>2017-2018</b> D*-D 100%</p> <p>3 year average = 75%</p>
Trips, visits and extra-curricular	<p>Annual trips include a weekend residential to The Old Nick (a Victorian Prison which is now a theatre) as well as a 4 day residential trip to London to watch a variety of productions and have workshops within these world-renowned theatres.</p> <p>Other trips include local theatre trips and workshops with theatre companies, such as Frantic Assembly.</p> <p>Extra-Curricular KES has 2 resident theatre companies attached to the school. While studying the BTEC you will automatically become a member of N2C theatre where you will act and direct various performances. If you wanted to</p>

	<p>expand on your directing and leadership skills you can help run YN2C (our youth theatre group working with Y7-Y9).</p> <p>There is also a number of opportunities across the year to perform, whether that is in a whole school even like KEstival, or as a major school production within N2C and out of it. You will also get the chance to work with local charities such as STORMS and CHAMS.</p>
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