



BTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE IN PERFORMING ARTS

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Who is the qualification for?

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.

Programme of Study:

The units focus on: group performance, where learners will develop the essential psychomotor and affective skills essential for dance. They will develop physical techniques as well as wider transferable skills, such as being able to work collaboratively, personal management and organisation, being able to give and take direction, confidence in front of an audience, problem solving and teamwork. Learners will understand different audiences in different environments and will learn to adapt a performance to engage the target audience. We will select one optional unit to support their choices in progression.

Approaches to Learning:

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 collaborative skills.

What could this qualification lead to?

The content in the qualification will help prepare learners for further study. The qualification carries UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements for many courses. 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. This qualification works if taken alongside: BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Business to progress to Business related courses, A Levels in Media and another subject to progress to Creative Events Management type courses.

Entry Requirements:

Five grade 9-4 GCSE passes including English and Maths. Students who have studied GCSE Drama/BTEC Dance/BTEC Music must have achieved at least a Grade 4/Level 2 Pass. It is also strongly recommended that students have an interest in Drama/Acting outside of school, as this experience will be of benefit in succeeding on the course.