

BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts Production

Exam board: Edexcel

Lessons per week: 4 x 50 minutes year 10 3 x 50 minutes year 11

Assessment: This qualification is 100% coursework based and is equivalent to two GCSEs (A*-C).

What will I study?

It involves practical activities as well as academic studies. The units of work focus on learning and understanding the skills necessary to support performances as part of a technical team. You will work as part of the production crew as well as learning about lighting and masks. There is a focus on teamwork and communication skills as well as leadership and organisation skills.

Each BTEC qualification is made up of parts called units. These tell you what you need to learn, what evidence you have to produce and what you need to do to get a pass in the unit.

All BTEC Production lessons take place in the new Applied Learning Centre with a purpose built technical studio.

Which career areas does it relate to?

This course does offer some preparation for those who are thinking about a career in the performing arts industry, it will also develop key skills which would be valuable for any student.

You will study the following units:

- Crewing for Stage Performance
- Lighting Operations for Stage Performance
- Mask Making for Performance

In all units, your work will be collected into a portfolio and assessed as you go along including essays, presentations or projects, video diaries and interviews.

You will get a grade from Pass to Distinction for each unit. For your overall qualification you will get a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction* from the Edexcel examination board.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local college for more information or see the Edexcel website <http://www.edexcel.org.uk>