



## BTEC National Level 3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts

The Performing Arts Industry is the second largest industry in the UK providing 8 million pounds per hour for the UK economy. Employment has risen by 6 per cent in the last year. The BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts is a vocational qualification designed to give you an insight into the industry of the working performer.

Our Performing Arts team offer a high level of training, experience insight and knowledge across our course provision. The BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts will allow you to explore many genres of performance, practitioners and performance methods giving you an insight into the different career paths that are available to you and can help you start a successful career or move onto further study.

Our goal is to liberate you as a performer, to teach you the skills and techniques you will need in this industry, but to allow you to play with theatre and push the boundaries of performance.

The department has new drama space, music rehearsal rooms and purpose built Dance studio. During the courses you will perform in at least two major productions in our own school and in local theatres. You will work with local industry related companies, meet Acting Agents and Dance specialists, take part in professional workshops and theatre visits and produce work to live client briefs.

Aimed at developing both practical skills and theoretical knowledge to underpin these skills, you will take part in workshops, rehearsals, conduct research portfolios, and diarise your development as an on-going process. You will undertake one project per half term, alongside skills classes that will run throughout the year. Your input, ideas and imagination is highly valued on our courses, energy and commitment is essential.

Within the qualification you will complete mandatory units that cover a broad range of skills, these units are:

**Investigating Practitioner's work** – You will study practitioners from the genre of Drama, Music and Dance and will be assessed externally via a task set by the exam board.

**Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance**- You will again study all three genres of performance and will work towards an internally assessed live performance.

**Group Performance Workshop** – You will work with a group to perform to a specific stimulus set by the exam board. You will be given a set amount of time to create and rehearse your piece, where you can work to your strengths as a performer.

We look forward to seeing you in September!