

ACTING - Performing Arts

BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

Examination Board: Pearson/Edexcel

What is a BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate?

A BTEC Level 3 is a practical, work-related course. You learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands. As well as learning about the employment area you have chosen, you develop the skills you need to start a career.

It is equivalent to one A level which means when you have finished the course you can choose whether to get a job straight away or go into higher education first.

What is the course structure?

The course is made up of four units – three mandatory units which are compulsory and one further specialist units. The specialist unit enables you to study particular areas in depth.

What subjects will I study?

All students take the three mandatory units:

- Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work
- Unit 2: Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance
- Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop

The specialist unit could be one of the following:

The teachers will decide depending on cohort and expertise

- Interpreting Classical text for Performance
- Acting Styles
- Improvisation

How is the course assessed?

Some units are assessed internally and some externally. There is a proportion of Controlled Assessment for Unit 1.

What qualifications do I need to enrol?

It is not necessary that you should have completed a BTEC Level 2 in Performing Arts to enrol on this course, a GCSE in Drama or experience of the Performing Arts industry or Drama Theatre groups will suffice.

What can I do at the end of the course?

BTEC Diplomas are valued by employers and higher education (universities and colleges). We have 100% success rate of students being offered excellent university places based on their BTEC results and experience.

If you want to get a job straight away you could work in:

- Administration or marketing within the Performing Arts industry
- Theatre
- Entertainment
- Performance support
- Workshop leadership and support
- Theatre and education

If you decide to go to university or college you could take a degree or a BTEC Higher National in subjects such as:

- *Acting Studies*
- *Performing Arts (Acting)*
- *Drama (Performance)*
- *Drama and education*
- *Technical theatre and production*

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