



Performing Arts: Drama Equivalent of 1 GCSE

The BTEC Level 1/Level 2 First Award in Performing Arts Acting has both a practical and a written element and is the equivalent of 1 GCSE

The BTEC Acting course will prepare you for a career in the Performing Arts and will provide a broad base for further training in the Drama.



The three units you will study are :

Individual showcase

The students will need to prepare a letter of application or a presentation and prepare and perform an audition using a performance or design skill such as vocal skills and techniques, singing & musical skills and techniques, costume for a performer, sound for a performer. (externally assessed)

Preparation, Performance and Production

In this unit you will learn how to develop a performance piece as a member of a fictional performance company. You will take on a specific performing or production role and will prepare for, and produce a performance.

The performers could be actors and the production team can include some, or all, of the following roles: sound or lighting technicians, costume, set, makeup, prop or mask designers and those who construct theatrical materials for the performance. All of your hard work will come to fruition when you present your performance to an audience.

Acting Skills

This unit is about starting you on a journey to become a professional actor. You will be introduced to important acting skills and will learn about the specific demands that acting makes on the body and mind. In particular, you will undertake a programme of regular exercises to help you master the techniques that will enable you to control and use your voice and body to communicate a character or role.

If you opt to take BTEC course you must:

- **Be confident as a performer. You will be performing in front of an audience. If you are a shy person this will not be a suitable course for you.**
- **Be able to work in groups. A lot of work that you do will be as a Performing Arts company.**

If there is anything else you would like to know please see any members of the performing arts team.