

PERFORMING ARTS (PRODUCTION) BTEC TECH AWARD

INTRODUCTION

This BTEC Tech Award is offered as a production course and covers the skills and knowledge required to work as part of a production team for a performance. Students will work alongside others in order to develop and practise these skills in live performances. Some performances will take place in the evening and students opting for this course will need to be prepared to attend in their own time. The qualification will provide you with a broad foundation which will enable you to proceed into further training or education, or to consider employment in the performing arts world.

WHAT WILL I LEARN?

The presence of light and sound can often enhance a production and contribute to the meaning and interpretation of a play or dance. Learners will develop knowledge of lighting and sound equipment and operation, and will learn how others have designed lighting and sound to enhance performances. They will then use this knowledge to design lighting and sound for their own performances.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no specific academic requirements though the course does rely heavily on coursework so would suit those students who are self-motivated. Students must also have attendance of above 95% (and this must be maintained throughout the course), students with below 95% attendance will be interviewed and may not receive a place on the course.

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

The course consists of three main components:

- Component 1: Exploring the performing arts by examining practitioners' work and the processes used to create performance. Coursework (internally assessed): 30%
- Component 2: Developing skills and techniques in the performing arts through the reproduction of acting, dance and/or musical theatre repertoire as a designer. Coursework (internally assessed): 30%
- Component 3: Responding to a brief by working as part of a group to contribute to a workshop performance as a designer. Synoptic Exam (External Assessed): 40%



FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Following completion of the course successful candidates may be able to enter into employment, at a junior level, in such careers as a stage director, stage manager or roadie. The achievement of the BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts is the equivalent to 1 GCSE graded 4-9. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better it is possible for you to move on to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National specialising in your preferred field, or A level courses of your choice.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Please contact Mr Doughty (course leader) or Mrs Farnsworth (Head of Drama).

