



Performing Arts: Dance Equivalent of 1 GCSE

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

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



The three units you will study are :

Individual showcase

The students will need to prepare a letter of application and a presentation/audition using a performance or design skills and techniques, dance skills and techniques, costume for a performer, make up 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 dancers 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 full fruition when you present your performance to an audience.

Dance Skills

This unit is all about developing your versatility as a dancer. As part of this development you will be encouraged to develop your physical skills to help you become a stronger and more flexible dancer.

You will explore and develop your dance skills in workshops and/or lessons where you will perform exercises and short sequences, before building up to a longer dance sequence. The unit will then culminate in a final performance where you will showcase your newly acquired skills. You will be assessed on your ability to master new skills and how you apply them in the final performance.

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.**
- **Be able to work and perform on your own. Students will have to perform a solo as part of the course.**

If you want to study Dance as a BTEC subject, you don't need to be a Ballet Dancer. All you need is enthusiasm, enjoyment of all kinds of Dance and above all a passion for the subject.

If there is anything else you would like to know please see Kim Geoghegan, Head of Dance.