



## **BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts**

***This is a two year vocational course (equivalent to three A Levels).***

The BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts aims to develop your performance skills through direct experience of a series of workshops and performances. You will gain a deeper understanding of the industry and will learn new skills in order to help realise your potential as a more versatile performer.

### **Requirements:**

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students will be expected to have gained a grade B or above in a GCSE Performing Arts subject. However, talented performers without this qualification may be accepted in special circumstances. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject. All successful students will have taken part in an 'informal' workshop, prior to enrolment in September, to assess their suitability for this course.

### **This subject will focus on:**

- the development of acting, dance and vocal skills;
- looking at different styles and genres;
- developing your ability to interpret, rehearse and perform a role; and
- Performing Arts as an industry - learning the business aspect of staging a performance.

### **You can expect to:**

- learn about the audition process and how to improve your chances through simulated experience;
- be involved in several performance workshops aimed at developing your range of skills;
- be actively involved in the staging of at least one fullscale production; and
- develop a deeper understanding of stagecraft and the performance process, including some directing.

### **Method of assessment:**

Assessment is by practical performance and written coursework including logs/diaries kept of all practical work.

### **Progression:**

A variety of options will be open to you after completing this subject. You can apply for practical degree courses in the Performing Arts or apply to Dance and/or Drama Schools. This course is also valued by various employers both from within the Performing Arts industry and outside as it builds both confidence and people/teamwork skills.

**Other information:**

Katie Webb (ex Hall Mead) said: "... because of the Performing Arts tutors, I have not only found a passion for the subject but also faith in myself."

The BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts had a 100% pass rate in 2009 with 67% achieving a triple distinction.