
BTEC Level 3
National Extended
Certificate
**Performing Arts -
Dance**





This course is a highly regarded practical Performing Arts qualification. The course is aimed at those students who are enthusiastic about practical dance and who wish to develop their technical and creative skills, creating choreography in groups and individually.

Introduction

The course provides the opportunity to study a range of different dance styles including physical theatre, contemporary dance and international dance styles. Throughout the course you will participate in a range of performances to help you broaden your understanding of the world of dance.

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Specific course entry requirements

College entry plus either:

- + GCSE Dance (minimum grade 4) or performing arts related course
- + Related experience of dance inside/ outside of school
- + By audition

What will I study?

On this course you will complete written research and develop practical dance skills. During the two years of the course, you will complete 3 mandatory units: Investigating Practitioners' Work, Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance and Group Performance Workshop. There will also be one further unit chosen by the department.

You will cover: techniques classes in a variety of styles such as contemporary and physical theatre; choreography for solo, duet, trio and group performance; study of dance practitioners and their choreographic styles; how to analyse performance skills and set targets for improvement; practical performance skills and study of the constituent features of dance.

How will I be assessed?

The Extended Certificate in Dance is assessed through a range of written and practical assignments, including a written examination. 58% of the student's work is externally marked and the rest is internally assessed. Where there is practical work, you must be prepared to perform in front of a public audience as well as peers.

Where will the course lead me?

The BTEC Extended Certificate in Performing Arts is valued by employers and universities alike. The course can be used as sound preparation for further study of performing arts at a dance conservatoire or university course. Students are also well prepared by this course to go in to the professional world of work.

Other career pathways from studying performing arts related courses have been:

Teaching fashion, Journalism, PE, Sport Science, English, Law, Psychology, counselling with drama skills, stage make-up, Sociology and Social Media Marketing.

Students have gone on to study at Northern Ballet School, Lincoln, Edge Hill, Salford, Chester, London School of Musical Theatre, UCLan, East 15 and Guildford.

*Please note this course cannot be combined with BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Acting).

