

Option – BTEC Tech Award Performing Arts (Dance)

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Why choose Dance?

BTEC Dance allows students to explore a variety of practical skills including technique, performance and choreography. The course will encourage students to develop their confidence, communication skills and team work skills. BTEC Dance requires a lot of time management and dedication. Students are expected to perform regularly in front of audiences, an examiner and in dance shows throughout the academic year.

The course is structured as follows:

Component 1 – Exploring the Performing Arts

30% of overall BTEC

Assessed through written coursework

Students explore the processes used to create performance within their chosen discipline. In Dance, students will explore three professional dance works. They will consider the process from creating choreography to the final performance, learning about the different skills required to create a piece of professional dance work.

During component 1 students will:

- explore performance styles, creative intentions and purpose
- investigate how practitioners create and influence what's performed
- discover performance roles, skills, techniques and processes

Component 2 – Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts

30% of overall BTEC

Assessed through written coursework and final live performance of choreography based on a professional repertoire

Students will assess their skills as a dancer and work on choreography techniques to improve their craft. Students will keep a Dancer's Log documenting their evolving skills and take part in a live practical performance of choreography based upon professional work.

During component 2 students will:

- take part in workshops, classes and rehearsals
- gain physical, interpretative, vocal and rehearsal skills
- apply these skills in performance
- reflect on their progress, their performance and how they could improve.

Component 3- Performing to a Brief

40% of overall BTEC

Assessed through an externally set brief. Practical and written elements.

Students will explore a dance style and choreographer to produce a piece of choreography for performance. They will apply all previous knowledge to a performance piece which is assessed by an external examiner.

During component 3 students will:

- use the brief and previous learnings to come up with ideas
- build on their skills in classes, workshops and rehearsals
- review the process using an ideas and skills log
- perform a piece to their chosen audience
- reflect on their performance in an evaluation report.

The course is demanding and an interest in dance, performing and expression is a necessity. You must have good attendance. If you do not like performing in front of others, this course is not for you.

