



Performing Arts (Performance)

Student Guide Level 2 BTEC First Certificate

What is the Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts (Performance)?

The qualification will provide you with a broad foundation in three main aspects of performance: acting, dance and music. The understanding and skills you acquire will help enable you to proceed into further training or education, or to consider employment in the performing arts world.

The qualification aims to give you an understanding of what a career in the performing arts world can entail, from business to performance, and it enables both a practical and theoretical exploration of the various elements of performance.

The course consists of one core unit plus a choice of specialist units totalling 180 guided learning hours. Depending on your locally available programme of study, the structure of the course allows you to focus on your talents and interests and explore new areas, such as producing a musical recording, performing scripted plays or contemporary dance.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

Following completion of the BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts (Performance), successful candidates may be able to enter into employment, at a junior level, in such careers as an entertainer, actor or stage manager.

Further vocational and academic qualifications

The achievement of the BTEC First Certificate has the equivalence of 2 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts (Performance), it is possible for you to progress further to the BTEC First Diploma in Performing Arts (Performance), or to enrol on another Level 2 programme, such as a relevant NVQ, or to move on to a higher level qualification such as a Level 3 BTEC National Certificate specialising in your preferred field.

How long will it take me to complete this qualification?

Generally speaking, it will take one academic year to complete but it may be studied for shorter or longer periods; the length of the course is largely dependant on the centre where you study.

What are the entry requirements?

The entry requirements for the Edexcel Level 2 BTEC First Certificate in Performing Arts (Performance) are laid down by individual centres. You should have the interest and potential to succeed in achieving the qualification and ideally be able to show you have a standard of literacy, numeracy and general education equivalent to four GCSEs graded D-G, or you should be able to show you have undertaken suitable work experience or have completed a Level 1 or 2 qualification.

How can I find out more?

Ask your careers teacher or adviser or your local school or college for more information or see the Edexcel website – www.edexcel.org.uk/btec

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