



Performing Arts (Performance)

Student Guide Level 2 BTEC First Diploma

What is the Level 2 BTEC First Diploma 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 course aims to give you an understanding of what a career in the performing arts world can entail, as for example, a performer or producer, and it enables both a practical and theoretical exploration of the various elements of performance.

The course consists of two core units plus a wide choice of specialist units totalling 360 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 exploring musical improvisation, working as a musical ensemble or devising plays.

Where will this qualification take me?

Employment opportunities

Following completion of the BTEC First Diploma 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 Diploma has the equivalence of 4 GCSEs graded A*-C. If you achieve an overall pass grade or better in the BTEC First Diploma in Performing Arts (Performance), it is possible for you to progress further by enrolling 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 Diploma 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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