

# BTEC Level Two First Diploma: Performing Arts - Acting

## What will I learn on this course?

The BTEC Level 2 First Diploma is a practical and vocational course that is aimed at students who have an interest in acting and would like to extend their natural talent in the Performing Arts field. The course is delivered by knowledgeable and experienced staff in state-of-the-art facilities.

You will learn to actively identify with a range of characters, develop imagination and self-confidence. You will use drama techniques to creatively explore a variety of stimuli, developing both devised and scripted performances. You will enhance your practical exploration of voice and movement skills, improvisation and physical theatre, as well as understanding rehearsal techniques and how to prepare for a performance. In addition to the acquisition of these specialist subject skills, you will also learn about working in the wider Performing Arts industry and the jobs and opportunities available to you.

This course will interest students who have already been involved in Key Stage 3 Drama and taken part in productions either in or out of school.

## How is the course structured?

The BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Acting consists of a range of 11 core and specialist skill units studied over two years. These are individually assessed with Pass, Merit and Distinction grades. The course will explore Acting Skills, The Performing Arts Industry, Preparation, Performance and Production, Community Arts, and an Individual Showcase. Some of these Units have work set in controlled conditions much like an 'exam'.

## How will I study?

You will learn through practical performance based workshops, rehearsals, performances, independent study and written work that encourages research and reflection from the student actor. You will be expected to be a self—starter capable of developing your own ideas as well as being able to work as part of a team to achieve common goals. BOA will provide opportunities for you to work with professional artistes, partners and community organisations to support your own learning and development. You will need to work to submission deadlines for written and practical work, attend theatre performances and could be involved with extra-curricular activities and take up additional performance opportunities.

## How will I be assessed?

You will be mostly assessed through internal participation and application of skill in practical workshops and various performances and the written documentation that you keep in your 'Actor's log book'. In addition, you will also complete external assessments for two core units, consisting of an audition to camera and a timed and computerised controlled assessment.

Alongside the BTEC, you will also complete the AQA GCSE Drama course. This comprises of a practical work unit forming 60% of your mark and a written examination paper worth 40%. Where possible assessments will work in-conjunction with the BTEC.

