

BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Performing Arts - Musical Theatre

What will I learn on this course?

The BTEC Level 2 Diploma is an intensive and exciting 2 year course, delivered by highly qualified teaching staff who cover the 3 different disciplines of Musical Theatre. The Musical Theatre Pathway is a practical course enabling students to develop and extend their skills and knowledge in the three disciplines of dance, acting and singing. Alongside these, you will also develop your creative and performance skills to be supported with an understanding of the Performing Arts industry. This specialist programme is aimed at students who are passionate about developing their skills knowledge and understanding in all three areas. Students should have a reasonable level of **fitness, creativity, commitment** and **motivation** to succeed on this course.

Throughout the two years students will develop their skills through dance, acting and singing classes, workshops and performances. Workshops will be taken by our specialist staff and visiting practitioners from the professional industry. Students will also explore their own ideas to enhance their creativity and imagination. In addition, students will also learn about working in the Performing Arts industry and the jobs and opportunities available in this sector.

How is the course structured?

The BTEC Level 2 First Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) consists of 12 specific skill units that students study over 2 years. Students will study these units over 7 hours of pathway time per week – 2 hours in Dance, 2 hours in Singing, 2 Hours in Acting and one full company hour. In year 10, students will develop technique in all 3 disciplines and will perform and be assessed on a showcase performance at the end of the year. When progressing into year 11 students will mainly focus on their final major project which usually takes the form of a musical. This musical will combine the application of techniques in all 3 disciplines.

The units studied on the course include:

- Musical Theatre Skills
- Community Arts
- Jazz Dance Techniques
- Individual Showcase
- The Performing Arts Industry
- Performance in Context
- Preparation, Performance and Production
- Performing Scripted Plays
- Movement Skills
- Singing Skills in the Performing Arts
- Performing Arts Enterprise
- Devising Plays



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How will I study?

Students will take part in technical classes, creative workshops, projects, performances and theoretical sessions led by specialist music, dance and acting staff and visiting professionals. There will also be opportunities to collaborate with other pathways and visit the theatre regularly. Students will also be invited and expected to join the extra-curricular performance companies at BOA to support their study on the Musical Theatre pathway.

How will I be assessed?

Each BTEC unit is individually assessed with Pass, Merit or Distinction grades. The Individual Showcase and Performing Arts Industry units are externally assessed and all other units will be assessed in assignment briefs that you will carry out. Your assignment briefs may include written, performance, workshop and presentation activities. Your final grade will be a culmination of your individual grades for units expressed as two grades e.g. DD. The maximum grade possible is Distinction* Distinction*.

Further Learning & Career Options

Students' experiences at BOA will enable progression to the post-16 courses at BOA, or vocational and A Level study at other institutions.

