

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

What will I learn on this course?

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is an intensive two year course that covers fundamental aspects of Musical Theatre training and performance, delivered by knowledgeable and experienced staff in state-of-the-art facilities. You will undertake work of a mostly practical nature in all three disciplines of dance, acting and singing.

Throughout the two years you will be challenged to develop your personal and creative potential alongside acquiring the technical and interpretative skills required for performance. Areas of training include; *vocal techniques in the Estill method, music theory, vocal masterclasses, acting techniques, Jazz, Tap, Movement, Ballet and musical theatre performance*. In addition, you will learn about the historical context of Musical Theatre and working in the performing arts industry and the jobs and opportunities available in this sector. To inform and enhance your learning and development you will be expected to undertake independent rehearsals, study and research.

This course is aimed at students who have ability and interest in how all three disciplines contribute to the Musical Theatre genre. You must have high levels of **fitness, commitment and motivation**. **It is expected that you will be passionate about progressing into the creative and performance industries through moving onto drama school training.**

How is the course structured?

The course consists of 18 specific skills units. Some core units such as Performance Workshop are delivered and assessed in the first year alongside specialised technique units in singing, dance and acting. In the second year you will acquire and develop new skills and knowledge about vocational audition preparation in addition to applying your technique in all disciplines to a range of musical theatre productions and the performing arts industry.

How will I study and how will I be assessed?

Students have 15 hours a week on Musical theatre – 5 hours in each discipline. Students will take part in technical classes in all three disciplines, creative and skill-based workshops and theoretical sessions led by BOA's musical theatre staff and visiting industry professionals. You will take part in a variety of projects and performances throughout the two years, including major musical productions and a range of smaller performances and workshops. Many of these may be created in collaboration with our visiting partners and industry professionals. There will also be opportunities to work in partnership with other pathways and visit the theatre regularly. Students will be invited and expected to join the extra-curricular performance companies at BOA to support their study on the Musical Theatre pathway.

Each BTEC unit is individually assessed with Pass, Merit or Distinction grades. Together with staff, you will be involved in setting yourself targets and monitoring your progress through all units.

Further Learning & Career Options

Students' experiences at BOA will enable progression to **Higher Education** courses and **vocational training**, as well as **apprenticeships** and **employment** within the creative and performance industries. Past graduates have gone onto study Musical Theatre, Dance, Acting and Music courses at top vocational schools across the UK including *ArtsEd, Guildford School of Acting, Bird College, Urdang, LIPA* and many others.