



GCE Performing Arts

As/A2

What do I need to know or be able to do before taking this course?

You will benefit most from a GCE in Performing Arts if you have one or more of the following:

- Five GCSEs at grade A* - C which might include GCSE in Drama, Music or Dance
- GNVQ Performing Arts Intermediate
- Grade related qualifications in Dance, Drama or Music
- A strong history of performance experience

How will I be assessed?

- You will be encouraged to demonstrate your skills and talent by being assessed in practical ways
- There are no written examinations
- Your teacher will assess you solely through portfolio and performance
- A visiting moderator from Edexcel examination board will moderate your work

What will I learn on this course?

In the AS units you will learn about:

- Exploring skills for performance – Unit 1
- Planning for an Event - Unit 2
- Performing to a Commission – Unit 3

In the A2 units you will learn about:

- Employment Opportunities in the Performing Arts – Unit 4
- Advanced Performance Practice – Unit 5
- Advanced Production Practice – Unit 6
- Productions Delivery – Unit 7

What personal qualities do I need to follow this course?

To be a successful performing artist as a performer, manager or technician you will need to be:

Motivated, self-disciplined, enjoy performing or producing works for performance and be prepared to participate in regular rehearsals, activities and public performances

What kind of student is this course suitable for?

You will enjoy this course if you wish to develop:

- Your own skills, with an opportunity to specialise in either performing or production support
- An understanding of all aspects of performing arts
- An insight into the nature of the performing arts industry, employment opportunities, constraints and the issues facing professionals working within the sector
- A knowledge of the working methods used by professionals as an individual, in teams, with clients, commissioners and audiences.

Is the qualification structured like other GCEs?

- Yes the qualification has an AS/A2 structure
- You can take the AS alone if you and your teacher agree that this is best for you
- You can also decide at the end of the AS course to continue and take the A2 units for the full advanced GCE qualification

