

PERFORMING ARTS

BTEC Extended Diploma

Subject Area

Performing Arts

Qualification

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Level

Level 3

Awarding Body

Edexcel

Course Summary

The programme is designed for young people aged 16 – 19 although we welcome students of any age. The course covers a wide range of performance genres and aims to develop student's skills in drama, dance, voice and musical theatre. Throughout the 2 years students will develop their core performance skills i.e. focus, concentration, physical and vocal dexterity and will participate in a wide range of performances from musical theatre to Shakespeare. This course is a general performing arts course and therefore students are required to take part and achieve all the units within the range of performing arts areas on offer.

How will I be assessed?

The course is made up of 18 units. Typically students will study 9 units in year one and 9 units in year 2. The units are taught through workshop style classes with class work usually leading to a performance whether that be an evening or afternoon performance at our on campus theatre – The Artrix. Assessments will vary depending on the unit; typically assessments will be in the form of written assignments, workshop and rehearsal tutor observations, student performance work, discussions, presentations. This is a practical course however it is important for potential students to understand that there is also a fair amount of written work that supports and reflects on your process of creation and performances.

Entry Requirements

Entry Requirements: 5 GCSE's at Grade C or above (with English GCSE preferred but not essential). For more mature students no formal qualifications required, entry is by interview. Students are required to be self-motivated and to take a degree of responsibility for their own learning and will be expected to view as many performances as they can throughout their studies.

How much time will I spend on the course?

The timetables will vary and may change from term to term; typically students will be expected to be in college for 3 ½ days per week (18 hours taught classes). This may vary depending of rooming allocations. The course is full time; students are encouraged to use the LRC and other college facilities throughout the college day to ensure coursework is up to date.

How do I apply/join this course?

You first need to complete and application form. You can find a form in the back of the Prospectus or you can call our Information Centre on (01527) 570020 and they will send you a form in the post. Alternatively you can complete the form on-line by visiting the College's website www.ne-worcs.ac.uk.

Once we have your form we will invite you to come into College and meet with a member of our teaching Team so you can ask any other questions you have. Usually at this meeting we will either offer you a place on the course you have applied for or, in some cases an alternative course.

Can I get any financial support with the costs of study?

From September 2011, young people who need financial support to help them stay in Education or training after 16 can apply to NEW College for the new 16-19 Bursary Fund.

Those most in need will be eligible for a bursary of £1200 a year. This includes young people in care, care leavers, young people receiving income support and disabled young people receiving both Employment Support Allowance and Disability Living Allowance. Young people eligible for income support will include some teenage parents, young people estranged from their families, and those whose parents have died.

Other students facing financial difficulties may also be able to claim a bursary to help with costs of transport, food, equipment or other course-related costs.

