

# PERFORMING ARTS

Exam Board: Edexcel

FULSTON MANOR SCHOOL



## WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

The BTEC course in Performing Arts is an exciting, specialist qualification with an industry focus. It will enable you to develop the necessary skills to progress to a specialist performing arts college or university course and ultimately a career in the performing arts industry. The course also allows you to develop a variety of transferable skills that are highly valued by employers.

The course consists of four units, which develop specialist skills in the individual art forms (Drama, Movement and Singing) integrated performance skills and focus on performing work to a live audience. Your own individual, group or ensemble performance will be assessed in every unit.

## AIMS OF THE COURSE

- To encourage students to develop knowledge and understanding of the performing arts sector.
- To develop skills, techniques and work attitudes to a standard that allows progression to further training or working.
- To independently explore through creative and reflective experimentation how meaning is communicated in performance.
- To emphasise practical independence, self-management and improving performance over time.

## **COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT**

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts is broadly equivalent to one GCE A Level.

Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work

Unit 2: Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance

Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop

Unit 27: Musical Theatre Techniques

## **ASSESSMENT**

Two units are coursework based, where student grades are determined by the quality of the portfolio produced and internally assessed. Two units are based on written assessments which is externally assessed. All work is assessed to either Pass, Merit or Distinction standard.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

A student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). There is no prior knowledge required for this specification, however, prior study of GCSE (or equivalent) in Dance, Drama, Music or Performing Arts would be an advantage and it would be advantageous to have gained a GCSE grade 9-4 (or equivalent) in any of these subjects.

Students are expected to have a keen interest in the Performing Arts and to play an active role in the Extra-curricular opportunities provided through the Department.