

Name of course: BTEC Tech Award Performing Arts Dance

Examination board: Edexcel

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How the course is assessed:

The course is comprised of 3 components. In the first 2 components (60%) pupils are internally assessed, both weighing 30% of the overall grade. Component 3 is a controlled assessment based examination, externally moderated, weighing 40% of the overall grade.

Outline of course:

Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts (Internal – 30%) Pupils will develop their understanding of the performing arts by examining practitioners' work and the process used to create a performance. Within this component, pupils will learn about three differing practitioner's professional dance work. Pupils will investigate the roles and responsibilities within the work and how the contextual influences combine to produce a purpose and theme to the repertoire. There is a mixture of practical and theoretical elements in this component, where pupils will keep a log book of their work.

Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in Performing Arts (Internal – 30%). Pupils will develop their performing arts skills and techniques through the reproduction of dances as a performer or designer. Within this component, pupils will learn a piece of repertoire and have to replicate this to a professional standard. They will keep on-going records of self-assessment through their log books. This component also involves a mixture of practical and theoretical elements.

Component 3: Performing to a Brief (External – 40%) Pupils will be given the opportunity to work as part of a group to contribute to a workshop performance as either a performer or designer in response to a given brief and stimulus. There are 4 sections within this component: Ideas Log, Skills Log, Performance and Evaluation. The Ideas Log, Skills Log and Evaluation will all be completed in a 1 hour controlled assessment. The performance element will be a 7-10 minute workshop performance.

Potential career pathways that could lead on from this course:

- Professional Dancer
- Choreographer
- Dance Teacher
- Teacher of Physical Education
- Personal Trainer
- Fitness Instructor
- Sports Therapist
- Exercise Physiologist
- Sports scientist

