BTEC Tech Award in Performing Arts (Dance) Curriculum Intent

What the curriculum is designed to do

The curriculum for the BTEC Tech Award in Dance aims to ensure that all pupils have a holistic education including different styles, performances, and creative opportunities. Students will develop their skills and techniques across a variety of dance styles; evaluate stylistic qualities from a variety of professional dance performances and develop their creativity skills when choreographing to a brief. Students will get chance to work in groups, pairs and as a solo performer.

How we deliver the curriculum in Y9

The curriculum explores key content from the BTEC Level 1/2 Tech Award in Performing Arts (Dance) to give students a foundation of knowledge that they can build on when they commence the course in Year 10. Students will learn about the Performing Arts and Dance industry in a variety of ways to equip them with the key skills that will ensure they are successful at KS4. They will complete a variety of practical and theory tasks based on different dance styles and professional performances. Students will also cover different topics and themes throughout the year that include content surrounding performing arts careers, dance in the wider community, and how professional performances are created.

How we deliver the curriculum in Y10 & Y11

The curriculum is delivered through a blend of theory and practical lessons to provide students with the knowledge required for the course, but also enable them to apply their knowledge to practical contexts. Students will study three components:

Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts

Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques in the Performing Arts

Component 3: Responding to a brief

How we assess students

Students will complete at least one formative assessment per half-term to prepare them for the following assessments:

Component	Description of assessment	How is it assessed?
Component 1: Exploring	60 Marks	Pearson Set Assignment
the Performing Arts	Non-exam internal assessment	
	set by Pearson.	
	12 hours to complete	
	assignment.	
Component 2: Developing	60 Marks	Pearson Set Assignment
Skills and Techniques in	Non-exam internal assessment	
the Performing Arts	set by Pearson.	
	15 hours to complete	
	assignment.	
Component 3: Responding	60 Marks	Exam
to a Brief	12 weeks for development of	
	creative ideas and rehearsal.	
	3 hour supervised assessment.	

How it benefits students learning and personal development

This qualification will enable students to confidently continue their study of dance and performing arts at KS5 or pursue a career in the performing arts industry. Students will also develop their own dance ability across a variety of dance styles. The dance course will also cover wider world issues through the performances watched and component 3 responding to a brief.