

DANCE

BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONALS PERFORMING ARTS : DANCE

EXAM BOARD: PEARSON

Why study Dance?

In addition to the performing arts sector-specific content, **this qualification provides students with the opportunity to develop all-round performance skills and transferable skills** such as self-confidence, self-presentation, personal discipline, time management and organisational skills which are highly regarded by higher education and employers.



Subject Specification Outline:

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate includes 4 units of which 3 are mandatory.

Within the mandatory units are 2 externally assessed units that are set by the exam board.

You will be assessed through both studio and live performance, in addition to being video recorded to support the completion of external units.

There is a significant proportion of written work which is as important as practical dance work and as such students will develop their academic skills to the same high level as their practical work.

Progress Assessment and Final Exam Format:

Mandatory units:

- **Unit 1** Investigating Practitioners' Work - externally assessed
- **Unit 2** Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance - internally assessed
- **Unit 3** Group Performance Workshop - externally assessed

Optional unit:

- **Unit 12** Contemporary Dance Technique - internally assessed

Qualifications in the suite are graded using a scale of P to D*, or PP to D*D*, or PPP to D*D*D*.

Self Study Requirements:

Students will be expected to complete additional rehearsals to generate choreography with their peers and develop performance skills. Students will also be expected to complete tasks to support the written assessment for Unit 1 and the evaluation of their personal skill development and performance for Units 2, 3 and 12.

Progression Pathways:

Students' experiences whilst studying the BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate will enable progress to vocational dance training or Degree Courses in Dance/ Musical Theatre, Community Dance, Dance Therapy, or Dance Science. The dance course at Stratford upon Avon School enables students to work in areas such as dance performance, choreography, community, arts administration and management and education / teaching.