



Swindon Academy
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Level 3 BTEC Nationals in Performing Arts - Acting or Dance

BTEC Nationals are equivalent to A levels and are highly valued by universities,

Further Education colleges and employers alike, these qualifications are suitable for students aged 16 upwards and are recommended for those who have achieved at least four A*- C grade GCSE's.

What is the Level 3 BTEC National Certificate in Performing Arts?

You focus your studies on one of two skills.... Acting or Dance

During the first year you will study for the BTEC National Award. This equals 1 GCE A level (A*-C grade) 40-120 points. You will study 6 units that use 360 General Learning Hours (GLH).

During the second year you will study for the BTEC National Certificate. This equals 2 GCE A levels (A*- C) 80-240 points. You will study 12 units that use 720 GLH.

Year 1 (National Award)

The course is designed to be adaptable to your interests, abilities and aspirations: it consists of two compulsory core units plus your choice from a range of specialist units

The specific focus of the course is up to you. You can choose to specialise in the area that you are most talented and interested in.

Acting:

Core Units: Performing to an Audience and Principles of Acting

Example Specialist Units: Theatre for children, drama improvisation or directing theatre.

Dance:

Core Units: Performing to an Audience and Dance Appreciation.

Example Specialist Units: Urban dance, dance improvisation or choreographing dances.

Year 2 (National Certificate)

You can focus your studies on one of a selection of skills, but will allow you to focus on the essential techniques and disciplines needed for your chosen area of study.

The course is designed to be adaptable to your interests, abilities and aspirations: it consists of three compulsory core units plus your choice from a range of specialist units.

Acting and Dance

Core Units: Performance workshop, performing arts business and performing to an audience.