



Performing Arts

Extended Diploma In Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)

Course Description

This 2 year vocational course is aimed at students who are aiming to pursue a career in the Performing Arts. The course is primarily practical providing extensive training and performance opportunities, all of which are assessed as part of BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (equivalent to 3 A-levels). Alongside Airedale's enthusiastic and dedicated teachers, students will regularly work with visiting artists and theatrical companies. Students will gain extensive performance opportunities not only in Airedale's superb, fully equipped theatre and performance spaces but also in various venues regionally and nationally.

Future Opportunities

BTEC Level 3 Extended Diplomas are valued by employers and higher education (universities and colleges). Students go into careers such as Musical Theatre Performance, Dance, Drama and Music performance, Music Entertainment, Singing, Directing, Choreographing and Teaching.

If you decide to go to university or college you could take a degree or a BTEC Higher National in subjects such as:

- Music Performance
- Musical Theatre
- Performing Arts
- Dance Practice
- Drama
- Production Design

What are the costs?

You may have to pay for certain texts, comfortable attire, theatre trips and contribute to any residential opportunities you wish to take part in but we will supply other necessary materials.

What will I learn?

The course combines both practical assignments and the study of a variety of performing arts disciplines, leading to a series of production projects in the drama studio and Phoenix Theatre. You will usually be in a class of about 16 students and will work on group projects as well as individual assignments. You will be encouraged to learn a range of performance skills and techniques and you will be involved in all aspects of production from backstage to front-of-house. In the second year you will produce a final major project.

The performing arts industry is highly competitive so it is essential that you possess and develop a mature and responsible attitude to your studies.

In each year of your course you will complete 9 units. Over the two-year period the range of subjects studied include:

- Dance, drama and singing workshops
- Acting technique
- Voice and speech
- Costume design, mask and puppet work
- Production project • Production technology
- Arts administration.

The first year provides a good practical basis in the major disciplines. Some subjects will provide a more academic approach to the performing arts.

In the second year you will receive guidance for applications to university which can be made in January and March as well as developing more advanced skills as a performer

What are the entry requirements?

5 A*-C GCSE (or equivalent) passes, Interview and Audition including self-prepared monologue, dance solo or workshop, and a prepared song. In addition, experience in one or more of the art forms (Drama, Dance and Singing). It is envisaged that students studying the Extended National Diploma in Performing Arts (Musical Theatre) will also study one or both of A Level Dance and A Level Drama and Theatre Studies.

