

## Performing Arts: Dance

### BTEC First (Level 1/2) Performing Arts Curriculum Information

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#### Key Stage 4

BTEC First in Performing Arts = Dance Pathway is a creative option for students with an appreciation and passion for performing and choreography. The study of dance as an art form contributes to students' aesthetic and social development .

As a physical activity it promotes fitness and well being. As choreographers, students use problem solving and creativity skills and in directing others they develop their interpersonal and communication skills. As performers students will develop their technical and expressive skills through a variety of different dance styles.

The course will involve students performing as part of a dance company, in which they will perform their group dances to live audiences and keep a log of their individual performances. It will also involve students choreographing and performing solo pieces, along with writing an accompanying letter of application to their chosen progression route after school. The course focuses on a variety of dance styles. Dance experience outside of school will be beneficial. Students will be expected to perform barefoot or in their own ballet/dance shoes.

#### **Assessment:**

The course is practical based, with elements of theory work to accompany students' practical work. These units include:

Unit 1 = Individual showcase - students choreograph and perform two solo dances and write an audition letter

Unit 2 = Preparation, performance, production - students will take part in the preparations and perform for a live audience

Unit 4 = Dance skills - students will study two dance styles and provide evidence of them reviewing and developing their dance skills. They will then apply their dance skills within rehearsal and performance

#### **Progression:**

Post 16 students can take BTEC Performing Arts or A Level Dance as well as further study into Higher Education. Career pathways include performing, teaching , choreography, dance critic, sports and health related careers. The social, physical fitness and critical analysis skills developed during the course are useful for a range of careers and lifestyles and are valued by employers.

