

Performing Arts –

Dance, Drama & Musical Theatre

Core technical qualification

Pearson BTEC level 1/2 Tech Award in Performing Arts (Dance/Musical Theatre)

What will you be learning?

- You will develop as a dance and musical theatre performer in a variety of performance styles from including Fosse (Cabaret), Peter Darling (Matilda) and Matthew Bourne (The Red Shoes).
- You will build the skills to choreograph high quality pieces, rehearse effectively, lead rehearsals, direct and perform work.
- This will all culminate in an end of year performance.

Component 1: Exploring the Performing Arts

Throughout this unit you will have the opportunity to discover dance styles that you may not have experienced before. You will take part in workshops led by industry professionals that will challenge and inspire you. You will also explore different roles within the performing arts industry such as: choreographers, rehearsal directors and producers.

Component 2: Developing Skills and Techniques

Here you will begin to develop your skills as a choreographer, director and performer. You will learn how to create your own work in a specific style and work with others to develop performance work for a specific target audience. You will reflect on your work in order to improve the performance as a whole.

Component 3: Performing to a brief

You will receive a performance brief in which you will create a performance piece in the style of your choice. You will then use all the skills you have previously developed to create your performance piece within a group and perform to an examiner. This unit is completed through an evaluation of your performance.

Methods of assessment

The course is assessed both by your teachers and an external examiner. You will be assessed on your ability to explore a variety of styles of dance and musical theatre, your commitment and effort in workshops, your ability to develop new skills and your performance in the final unit.

What are lessons like?

- You will be involved in practical dance lessons to develop technical skills, industry professional led workshops that explore different performance styles, planning sessions for developing creative ideas, rehearsals including technical and dress rehearsals, mini performances to build your performance skills.
- Most of your time you will be working practically but there will also be sessions designed to reflect and evaluate your work in order to develop your skills and improve your performance.

How will we work with employers and the community?

- We have many links with industry professionals and theatres.
- You will benefit from workshops, theatre visits and performance opportunities.
- It is through having a range of experiences from a variety of practitioners that you will gain a real insight into the workings of the performing arts industry and develop your own skills as a dance theatre student.

Where can this pathway lead?

This course leads on to Level 3 qualifications in Performing Arts here at QEstudio or A Level Drama at QES (these two courses can also be taken alongside each other). Pupils have also continued to study Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre at colleges as A Level, BTEC and Diploma qualifications.