

What will I learn on this course?

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma is a practical and intense two year vocational course that is aimed at students who have a natural talent in acting, combined with creative ability and an interest in the developing their skills for a role within the Performing Arts industry. The course has demanding written elements that encourages research and reflection from the student actor. These written elements can be set in controlled conditions much like an exam. The course is delivered by knowledgeable and experienced staff in state-of-the-art facilities. There is a clear commitment in staff to inspire success in young people.

Students will explore varied acting styles and techniques through practical performance-based workshops, coursework, 'controlled conditions' responses and both internal and external performances. Students will be expected to work as part of a group, responding to a range of stimuli and challenging their personal and creative potential alongside the acquisition of drama and theatre techniques. Students will be required to undertake independent rehearsal, study and research to inform and enhance their learning and development.

How is the course structured?

The BTEC Level 3 Extended Diploma in Acting consists of 13 specific skills units studied over two years. These are individually assessed with Pass, Merit and Distinction grades.

You will explore a range of 7 **mandatory** units of which 4 are **externally -set and marked including:**

- Investigating Practitioners Work
- Group Performance Workshop
- Individual Performance Commission
- Final Live Performance to an Audience
- Progression Opportunities In The Performing Arts

You will also study optional units which will include skills as diverse as Improvisation, physical theatre and Theatre for Children

How will I study?

In addition to the working with the teaching staff on production-based learning, BOA works in partnership with industry professionals such as the Royal Shakespeare Company and RADA.

You will be given the opportunity to become a part of:

- Practical workshops and guest lectures with visiting professionals – giving an opportunity to network and develop contacts in the industry
- Theatre visits and international trips
- Partnerships with local artists and companies
- Collaborations with other pathways
- Extra-curricular classes and opportunities

You will take part in a variety of projects and performances over the two years, including community and touring performances and a range of smaller performances and workshops. Many of these may be created in collaboration with our partners and industry professionals.

This course will prepare you for entry to Higher Education courses such as theatre or teaching, vocational training, apprenticeships and employment within the creative and performance industries as a performer or administrator.