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At Worcester Sixth Form College students are able to gain an Extended Certificate in Performing Arts after 2 years.

There are many reasons to study Performing Arts at Worcester Sixth Form College including:

- A purpose built Drama studio and large performing space with flexible theatre seating. Both spaces have a fully equipped lighting rig
- A large dance studio equipped with mirrors and barre
- Up to date Music tech facilities to allow the recording of tracks
- Experienced teaching with specialisms in Music, Dance and Drama.
- A Learning Resource Centre fully stocked with up to date resources, including text books, study guides, DVDs and specialist journals



## COURSE CONTENT

Each week there are 4 lessons (each of 1 hour and 5 mins) and in the first term these will be divided between Drama, Dance and Music. As the course progresses you will be able to focus on developing your preferred skill or skills and you need only be assessed on these.



The following Units are mandatory and each will involve practical workshops, independent research, planning, teamwork and a final assessment (the course includes both written and practical assessments).

Unit 1: Preparing to work in the performing arts sector. This unit gives you strategies for sustaining a career in the performing arts industry.

Unit 2: Proposal for a commissioning brief. For this unit you must work as a group to develop an arts project from a given brief.

Unit 3: Influential performance practice. You will learn about specific genres, styles, performance developments and practitioners.

Unit 4: Combined Arts: An opportunity to create a performance by reinterpreting an existing piece of repertoire.

The final unit you study will be optional (chosen from an extensive list) but will usually involve putting on a group performance piece in your chosen art form / style.

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

No specific prior experience is needed but recommended prior experience would be attendance of Youth Drama, Dance or Music groups (or private classes), GCSEs in any performing arts subjects, and participation in shows and productions at school or in the community.

Most importantly students need to have an interest in learning about the range of Performing Arts disciplines, a passion for extending your skills and performing for an audience.

## PROGRESSION INFORMATION

There are many generic and transferable skills that you will develop whilst studying CTEC Performing Arts and these will prove useful in any job.

- Creativity
- Communication
- Co-operation
- Independent Learning / Managing own time
- Working creatively in groups / Teamwork
- Giving and receiving feedback
- Leadership



## STUDENT FEEDBACK

*"I have loved being able to study the things I am passionate about and being able to gain experience in every area of performing arts has helped me in gaining a place to my first-choice university"*

*"I have loved the fact that I could follow a route which allowed me to sing and by the time I finish I will have a demo tape to send off to record labels"*

*"My favourite thing has been performing for local schools and at Avoncroft museum. Performing in front of a real-life audience is the best experience in becoming a professional"*

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