

**BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Performing Arts (Dance) (NQF)**

This is equivalent to one GCSE and focuses on Dance skills and performance. The majority of the qualification is internally assessed through coursework assignments, but 25% is externally assessed by Edexcel.

**Students study 3 Units:****UNIT 1**

Individual Showcase, in which students prepare two audition pieces in different styles and an application letter to a theme set by the exam board (externally marked).

**UNIT 2**

Dance Skills (a double unit) which is based in jazz and contemporary styles

**Unit 3**

Staging a Performance in which students put on a dance show for a public audience.

**Overview**

This is an exciting course with lots of opportunities for students to improve both their performance and choreographic skills.

Obviously this course is well suited to existing dancers but students without a lot of previous dance experience can still achieve as long as they work with focus.

A willingness to perform in front of others and to work with other people is a must.

