Performing Arts - Vocational Level 2
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Fact File
- Level 2 Performing Arts Course.
- Students take part in two shows during the year.
- English/Maths courses can be taken alongside this course.
- Progression route onto Level 3 courses.

Course Summary
This Level 2 Cambridge Technical in Performance is a one-year course that aims to provide the knowledge, understanding and skills necessary to prepare you for progression onto level 3 courses, employment and/or as a stepping stone for a higher level course. It gives you the opportunity to consolidate your qualifications by being able to study GCSE English / Mathematics alongside. You will learn by completing projects based on realistic workplace situations, activities and demands that would be faced by a modern performer. You will be assessed through a mixture of practical and written work. You will complete units of work that may include: Performing Arts Industry, Acting, Performing Scripted Plays, Musical Theatre, Working as a Musical Ensemble and a Performance Project. At the end of the course you will take part in a major group production, which will involve all of the skills you have learnt. Please note that the units studied may vary to meet local or learner needs.

Specific entry requirements
Some previous acting experience is desirable.

Progression skills and opportunities
After the Cambridge Technical Level 2 in Performing Arts, it is possible for you to progress onto further studies at Level 3, such as BTEC Level 3 90 Credit Diploma/Extended Diploma in Performing Arts, as well as other AS Level courses. You will need to gain at least a Merit grade in order to progress onto Level 3 courses. If successful there are a wide variety of prospective careers that you can explore, for example: Performer, Actor, Dancer, Musician etc. The Cambridge Technical Level 2 in Performing Arts combines well with GCSE Maths/English. In addition, it is likely that you will have developed qualities of communication and teamwork which are highly valued by employers.
How is the course assessed?
Method of assessment: 100% coursework including written and practical assignments. You will receive a separate grade for each unit and this will contribute to your overall grades. You will come out with a final grade ranging from a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*.

- Over the period of the course, you will be given assignments to do by your teachers. These assignments are one way in which you can provide evidence that you have studied and understood a topic.
- Assignments can vary: some may involve writing an essay / report or may require a performance supported by an evaluation that may be written / word processed or recorded on video / audiotape. Other assignments might ask you to give a presentation talk, prepare a recording, make a stage property or attend a performance venue. It may be possible to finish an assignment using material you have received from your teacher. More often than not you will be expected to do further research in libraries, by visiting theatres / concert halls or companies, or by making telephone calls to investigate a problem. There are many different ways in which you can prove that you understand a topic.
- Completed assignments are assessed and graded against the performance criteria relevant to the course you are studying. You always know what the assessor is looking for in your assignment. At the end of the course you will be given a grade for your work. The highest grade is Distinction*, the next highest is Distinction, followed by a Merit, then a Pass or Unclassified. Your lowest grade for a unit will be your final grade for that particular unit.

What topics will I be studying?
- Performing Arts Industry
- Acting skills and techniques
- Performing Scripted Plays
- Musical Theatre Performance
- Working as a musical ensemble
- Performance Project
- Urban Dance

Will I need any specialist materials or equipment?
Loose suitable clothing for dance.