

CAREER POSSIBILITIES

This vocational course is designed to give you the skills to go to University or Drama School, pursue an apprenticeship or go straight into the world of work. As well as leading to Performing Arts careers, studying this subject opens up a range of other possibilities in jobs that involve working with people and it is one of the most popular subjects for students interested in studying Law.



THE PROGRAMME

Equivalent in size to 1 A-level, this is a practical, vocational course, suitable for students with a range of previous experience, including those who have not been able to study Performing Arts at school. The course consists of four units of study spread across the two years, developing your practical and written skills to a high standard. Lessons focus primarily on acting skills and many students complete all assessments as an actor, but if you have musical or dance skills, you can also use these in some assessments, if you wish. You can also choose to be assessed on technical, backstage or design skills in some units. Units studied include:

- Investigating a practitioner's work
- Developing skills and techniques for live performance
- Group workshop performance

There is also the opportunity to gain a Certificate qualification in one year (equivalent to an AS-level), or possibly a Foundation Diploma (equivalent to one and a half A-levels) if you were to take part and be assessed in extra-curricular activities.

WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

When comparing surveys of the skills employers want with the subjects offered to VI Form students, the course that best meets the needs of employers is Performing Arts. You will develop confidence, become articulate in front of others and learn how to organise and develop complex projects as part of a team, as well as gaining the high standard of skills required if you wish to pursue a career in a Performing Arts-related field.