
PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE (Acting)

Examination Board: Edexcel

Syllabus: 603/4668

WHY STUDY PERFORMING ARTS - ACTING?

Do you get a buzz when you perform on stage? Do you enjoy opportunities to create your own work? Do you prefer coursework to exams? If yes, then this course is for you! You will prepare performance projects over two years culminating in a final showcase.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- take acting classes in improvisation, naturalism, mime, epic theatre, Shakespeare and physical theatre
- devise original drama from a variety of stimuli
- develop the ability to critically analyse drama through verbal and written discussion

THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

Level 3 National Foundation Diploma

Unit	Unit contents	Assessment and duration
F16 Planning a Career in the Industry (core)	Research and investigate careers in the Performing Arts industry that you are interested in.	Produce a power point of your research and personal investigation.
B4 Exploring Performance Styles	Explore a variety of play texts. Select two styles which suit the group. Rehearse and prepare for performance. Log rehearsals in your vlog.	Perform two extracts (15-20mins each) from two contrasting plays. Produce a Vlog.
B5 Creating Performance Material	Respond to a stimuli and explore different practitioners approach to devising e.g., Artaud, Stanislavski, Brecht. Create an original play and vlog the process.	Perform your 20-minute devised play –produce a Vlog.
B6 Performing as an Actor for an Audience	Collaborate to decide upon your final show. Include opportunities to showcase your acting talents.	Perform in your final Show case.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Studying Performing Arts will help develop the team work, leadership, problem solving and presentation skills suited to a variety of degree courses. This vocational course is an excellent preparation for any university course. It is also an excellent route to Drama School. Past Sandon students have gained prestigious places at East 15, Mountview and The Guildford School of Acting. Students not intending to go to university have an excellent basis for entry into apprenticeships and the workplace. It is the equivalent of 1.5 A Level study.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have achieved grade 4 or higher in GCSE English literature or English language or Drama. All applicants will be required to attend a 'This is Me' audition; 1-minute monologue of your choice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION please contact Mrs H Davis hda@sandon.essex.sch.uk

