

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Performing Arts

Welcome to BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts. When you join us in September we will start work on **Unit 2 – Developing Skills and Techniques for a Live Performance**. This unit requires you to complete three tasks; a presentation, workshops sessions based on different plays and a performance of an extract from one play we have studied.

We would like you to start on task one for your Summer work.

Task One – ‘Being a Performer’

You should carry out research and an investigation into the key features of the role and work of the performer.

You should conduct a case-study of a performer you admire, with biographical research and interviews to examine career trends, working and lifestyle factors. This performer should be someone who has worked in the theatre and not just TV/film and has a wealth of information about them when researching the following points.

- Key technical performance skills such as vocal, physical and interpretative
- Practical skills such as planning, responding to direction and collaboration
- Employability skills and personal qualities needed to succeed in the profession
- Other roles the performer interrelates with (for example other performers, directors, production team members): how they interrelate and why this is important to the success of the performance
- Qualifications, training routes and strategies to ensure continuing professional and skills development
- Employment trends and working conditions
- Lifestyle factors

When we begin in September we will cover the information above in a general context for you to add to your presentation. **However, we would like you to begin your presentation by choosing your performer and adding as much of the information above about them onto your presentation.** Please ensure you reference the sources you use for information. For example, write down the websites you have read information from onto a slide at the end of your presentation. If you have cut and copied an extract directly, then you should write the website on that slide.

Be as creative as you like with your presentation - after all this is a Performing Arts course!

Good Luck and we look forward to seeing you in September