

Welcome to BTEC Performing Arts

Burnley College has an excellent reputation for training young performers and helping them achieve their ultimate goal of working as an artist in the Performing Arts Industry. Below you will find lots of useful information relating to the course and how you can begin to prepare for your studies with us.

Topics & skills covered

During your Performing Arts course you can expect to study the following topics:

- Rehearsal technique
- Acting
- Devising
- Performing skills
- Dance
- Singing
- Auditioning
- Working collaboratively
- Working in the Performing Arts Industry



How can I prepare for the course?

Task List	Link to Course
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 1:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Research two different styles of performance from the list below. Create a poster which includes important information on the main features and skills required of both styles of performance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Physical Theatre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Naturalism ● Epic theatre ● Musical Theatre ● Classical Theatre 	<p style="text-align: center;">Why this is important:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">On the course you will learn about and explore different styles of acting for performance. You will then develop and rehearse in these styles and perform to an invited audience.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Task 2:</p> <p>Either recall one of the performances you have been in or watch one of the recommended videos on YouTube and write a 300 word evaluation of your/someone else's performance. Be sure to comment on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What worked well and why? ● What did not work well and why? ● What could they have done differently in the future and why? <p>Try to relate your comments to how these things impact the overall performance quality and the effect created for the audience.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Why this is important:</p> <p>On your Performing Arts course, you will be assessed on your ability to reflect and evaluate your past performances, as well as the work of others. This is so that you can continuously develop your performance abilities by doing more of what worked and less of what didn't in future.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Task 3.</p> <p>Research three job roles in theatre and create a Fact File each, including the following key points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roles and responsibilities ● Training/Education requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experience needed ● Essential skills & qualities ● What other job roles this position could lead to 	<p style="text-align: center;">Why this is important:</p> <p>During your studies, you will learn about the Performing Arts Industry including what job roles are available and how to become more employable as a performer. You will need to complete coursework tasks to evidence your understanding of this topic.</p>



What can I read before I start my course?

Physical Theatre:

- What is Physical Theatre?
<https://www.city-academy.com/news/what-is-physical-theatre/>
- Frantic Assembly - Physical Theatre Company
<https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/frantic-digital>

Naturalism:

- What is Naturalism?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zxn4mp3/revision/3>
- Stanislavski - Naturalistic approach
<https://www.city-academy.com/news/what-is-stanislavski-technique/>

Epic theatre:

- What is Epic Theatre?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwmvd2p/revision/3>
- Brecht & Epic Theatre conventions
<https://thedramateacher.com/epic-theatre-conventions/>

Musical Theatre:

- What is Musical Theatre?
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z2hr7ty/revision/1>
- Types of Musicals
<http://www.musicalstages.co.uk/different-types-musical/>

Classical Theatre:

- Shakespeare's Theatre
<https://www.folger.edu/shakespeares-theater>
- The Globe Theatre
<https://teach.shakespearesglobe.com/library>

Careers in Performing Arts:

- Job roles in theatre
<https://targetcareers.co.uk/career-sectors/arts-and-creative/1015387-careers-in-theatre>
- What can I do with a Performing Arts degree?
<https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree/performing-arts>



What can I watch before I start my course?

There are lots of very informative videos on YouTube including free, full performances and interviews with actors, directors and casting agents. Have a look at some of these recommendations:



- National Theatre, London UK
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntdiscovertheatre>
- Frantic Assembly, Physical Theatre Company
<https://www.youtube.com/user/franticassembly>
- Complicité Theatre Company
<https://www.youtube.com/user/CompliciteCompany>
- DV8 Theatre Company
<https://www.youtube.com/user/DV8PhysicalTheatre>
- Horse & Bamboo Theatre Company
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStKC6Ho1CZy3uvs5iqDP-Q>
- Shakespeare's Globe
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ShakespearesGlobe>
- Spotlight - The Home of Casting
<https://www.youtube.com/user/TheUKSpotlight>
- Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester
<https://www.youtube.com/user/RoyalExchangeTheatre>

Contact information

If you have questions regarding this or any other BTEC Performing Arts or Dance courses at Burnley College, please contact s.allen@burnley.ac.uk or call 01282 733373

We look forward to seeing you in September.

