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Purpose Statement

Name of regulated qualification	
QAN: 603/0406/6	Title: Pearson BTEC Level 1/Level 2 Tech Award in Performing Arts (120 GLH)

The performing arts sector

The performing arts are a major part of the creative and cultural industries in the UK. Overall, the industry contributes £3.5 billion to the UK economy. There are 5,480 businesses in the performing arts sector, and 101,593 people working in a wide range of roles from performers, to designers and directors.

What does the qualification cover?

This new course allows you to study acting, dance and/or musical theatre, giving you the opportunity to develop knowledge and technical skills in a practical learning environment. You will examine the roles and responsibilities of different performance artists and practitioners such as actor, dancer, choreographer, director, writer and designer; as well as the different approaches and styles used, such as comedy, ballet or musical revues. You will also develop key skills, such as being able to respond to and interpret different ideas given to you; and you will be experiencing first-hand the ways in which performance artists work through the development of ideas, rehearsal and then performance.

The qualification is the same size and level as a GCSE and is aimed at everyone who wants to find out more about performing arts. It is a practical introduction to life and work in the performing arts industry, which will give you the opportunity to develop performing arts skills and techniques, and to analyse and evaluate your skills both independently and within a group.

How will I be assessed?

You will carry out tasks or mini-projects throughout the course. Your teacher will mark these, which will give you an idea of how you are getting on. Towards the end of the course you will do one larger project in acting, dance or musical theatre, where you use the knowledge, skills and techniques you have learned to devise and deliver a workshop performance to a specific audience from a brief that will be given to you. All the work you do through the course prepares you for this larger project, which is sent away to be marked.

Where will this take me?

When you have completed the qualification, you will have developed a practical understanding of the performing arts sector, and the roles and responsibilities of the people involved in performing arts industries. Because you will be building useful skills, which are not generally covered in GCSE courses, you will have a better understanding of whether the performing arts sector is for you. This will allow you to decide whether this is an area you want to continue to study. The course will also help you to develop specific skills and knowledge, such as self-evaluation and group work, which will benefit you wherever you progress to next.

After you have finished the course, you may want to go on to further study such as A levels, BTECs or a mixture of both. Or you might want to find work in performing arts, as an apprentice or a trainee. Which option is best for you will depend on both the grades you achieve in this qualification and in other qualifications you have taken, what you enjoy doing and any advice you can access about the further learning and training opportunities available in your area.

What other subjects go well with performing arts?

This course builds on and uses the knowledge and skills you learn in your English GCSEs. It can be complementary learning for GCSE Drama and GCSE Dance, since you can broaden your skills and experience in these areas. This course is different from studying GCSEs in Dance or Drama, as, in this course, you will study all three of musical theatre, dance and acting, across a range of disciplines and styles before focussing on one area in which to develop your skills and techniques.

Where can I find out more?

Further information about this qualification can also be accessed at:

<http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-tech-awards/performing-arts.html>