KS5 | Curriculum
Performing Arts Double

THE WALDERSLADE & GREENACRE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

Qualification type / Exam Board

BTEC National Diploma / Pearson

What will I learn about?

This two-year vocational course is for students who are passionate about acting, dance or musical theatre and want to continue their education through applied learning.

You will:

- Train and perform in a variety of styles, building technical, physical and interpretive skills.
- Explore the work of key theatre and dance practitioners and how their methods can shape your own creative practice.
- Devise, rehearse and perform original material in response to professional briefs.
- Gain an understanding of the performing arts industry and the demands of professional practice.

The National Diploma is equivalent to **two A Levels** and supports progression to higher education or specialist drama school.

How is my work assessed?

A combination of externally set tasks and internally assessed coursework. Externally assessed units:

- **Unit 1: Investigating Practitioners' Work** – research and written analysis of professional performing arts practitioners.
- **Unit 3: Group Performance Workshop** – devise and perform a piece to a set stimulus under controlled conditions.
- **Unit 6: Final Live Performance to an Audience** – plan, rehearse and deliver a final performance to a professional brief.

Internally assessed units (center selects from Pearson list), for example:

- **Unit 2: Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance**
- **Unit 4: Community Theatre**
- **Unit 5: Individual Performance Commission**
- Optional specialist technique units such as **Acting Styles, Movement in Performance, Musical Theatre Techniques or Physical Theatre Techniques.**

Assessment methods include live performances, rehearsal logs, research portfolios and written evaluations.

What should I consider before starting this subject?

You will need a genuine passion for performing arts and be willing to rehearse regularly, including outside of lesson time. Good organisation is essential as practical rehearsals run alongside written assignments. A collaborative attitude and confidence in performing to an audience are key to success.

Why is this course useful and what might it lead to?

The qualification prepares you for:

- University degrees in Performing Arts, Drama, Dance or Musical Theatre.
- Drama school or conservatoire training.
- Careers in theatre, film, television, dance companies, community arts or events management.

It also builds transferable skills such as teamwork, communication and time-management valued across many industries.

Entry requirements

Minimum of **4 GCSEs at grade 4/C or above** (including English). A Level 2 Pass in a Performing Arts–related BTEC is helpful but not essential.

Where can I find more information?

Speak to Mrs. Leicester-Smith or go online:

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