New Students’ Information Online 2020

Summer Preparation Booklet

PERFORMING ARTS
SUBJECT LISTED:

- Performing Arts (Acting) [Level 3 Extended Diploma RQF]
- Performing Arts (Acting) [OCR Level 2]
Performing Arts (Acting) [Level 3]
What are the main features of this course?
This two-year full-time programme (30 weeks across three terms) represents a partnership between the College and a national drama school; The Birmingham Theatre School. The course introduces students to practical technique classes and performance-based training within a drama school environment.

A broad range of creating and staging theatre productions are developed whilst students obtain a nationally recognised qualification equivalent three A-levels.

The course consists of individual units across a wide spectrum of the creative and performing arts. Students study both mandatory and optional units as part of the programme. Units will include; voice, workshop performance, rehearsal techniques, devising theatre, movement & physical theatre, classical & contemporary theatre, audition techniques and acting to camera techniques. In addition, core units are studied as part of the fundamental academic structure of this course. These will include historical studies, business & management, and performing to an audience.

How is the course assessed?
The course is mostly internally assessed with one external assessment.

Who should study this course?
Prospective students must a real enthusiasm for the Performing Arts and ideally have some previous acting experience, in addition to meeting the entry requirements.

Where can I go next?
This course provides skills applicable to developing a career in the performing arts industry. You will also be able to progress on to a degree level course in Performing Arts or related fields. Many of the skills are transferable and can be applied to higher level study in many fields or in the world of work. You could also progress onto a private drama school institution.

Need More Information? Contact:
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Performing Arts students at JCC have a unique opportunity to study in a professional working environment at The Birmingham Theatre School.

Topics include:
Acting Training, Voice training and Movement training,
Performances in at least 3 full scale productions in your first year
Contemporary and Classical Theatre
Physical Theatre
Audition techniques

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What jobs could I go into?
Here are just a few of the jobs you could have a future career in:
• Actor
• Director
• Physical theatre performer
• Stage manage
• Teacher
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HINTS & TIPS  Things you will need

A4 ring binder file, two A4 notebooks, basic stationery to include plastic wallets, dividers, highlighters, pens, pencils, rubber, ruler and pencil sharpener.

During the first term you will go and see a live performance. (The cost of the ticket will be approximately £10 - £15).

Basic performance blacks to include:
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Find out what plays are being performed in Birmingham and surrounding towns/cities during the autumn of 2018 – Birmingham Rep, Hippodrome, Cannon Hill – MAC, Crescent, RSC, Arena in Wolverhampton, Belgrade, Warwick Arts Centre. In September we will select a performance to see.
Performing Arts (Acting) [Level 2]
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How is the course assessed?
A series of assignments that are vocationally relevant to the performing arts industry. All written work will be coursework based. At the heart of the school’s philosophy is the performance experience. Students will perform in a number of major projects including the promenade and graduation shows. Students must be available for some weekend and evening performances during the year.

Who should study this course?
Those wanting an introduction to the performing arts industry and those seeking to access further training at Level 3. The course introduces students to practical workshop classes and performances within a drama school environment.

If necessary, you are able to retake Maths and English GCSE alongside this course.

Where can I go next?
This course provides you with the practical and written skills to progress on to a level 3 course in Performing Arts. It also develops many transferable skills that can be applied in higher level study or in the world of work. Upon completion, students are able to gain entry into a university or drama school.

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