

Creative Media & Performing Arts



Consider Options* Age 14

Level 1	Level 2
Creative and Media Diploma	BTEC First Acting & Drama
GCSE Design & Technology – Graphics	
GCSE Design & Technology – Textiles	
	Dance Production & Performance First Diploma
	BTEC Music Performance
	BTEC First in Art and Design
	BTEC National Performing Arts
GCSEs in: • Dance • Drama & Theatre Studies • Media, film and TV studies • Music • Art & Design • Graphics	

Providers offering:
 All Secondary Schools in Brighton & Hove
 City College Brighton & Hove
 Northbrook College
 Varndean College
 BHASVIC College
 Sussex Downs College
 Dv8

For Apprenticeships:
www.apprenticeships.org.uk
 *These are local examples of the kinds of courses available. Please use the Area Wide Prospectus www.myfuturesussex.com for further information

Many people are attracted to the idea of working in the performing arts. For the successful few, making their living as actors, musicians, singers and dancers, it can be a glamorous life. However, there are many more people working away from the spotlight, making sure performances run smoothly, and promoting artists and productions.

It is a huge and exciting industry, with opportunities in a number of areas, including:

- acting and directing theatre performances, including plays and musicals
- dance, involving choreographers and dancers creating everything from classical ballet to music video routines
- music, from classical and popular musicians to promoters and managers
- design, including costume, make-up, stage sets, props, lighting and sound
- backstage jobs in stage management and organisation.

Nearly all professional performers enter the industry after training at drama or dance school, or at university. Many colleges offer a BTEC National Diploma in Performing Arts, while a range of routes is available to people wanting to work in technical or design jobs. Some start at the bottom and work their way up within the industry, learning on the job and building up experience, while many work towards relevant higher education qualifications, such as HNDs and degrees, or take vocational training in specialist areas.

Working in media, print and publishing involves creating products that inform and entertain people. Administrative, craft, technical and professional opportunities are available in a number of media, including:

- TV, film and radio - workers are involved in projects ranging from news broadcasts and documentaries to reality TV, sitcoms and big-budget films
- newspapers and magazines - researching, writing, editing and illustrating news stories and features on a huge range of local, national and international topics
- books - producing fiction and non-fiction titles on an enormous range of subjects
- photography - producing images that tell a story or record an event
- print - making hard-copy products that include books, newspapers, magazines, greetings cards, brochures and office stationery.

There are no set entry requirements for many jobs but, because entry is so competitive, applicants with relevant qualifications are likely to have an advantage. Over two-thirds of media professionals are graduates, and many graduates apply for junior positions to gain work experience and make useful contacts. Applicants in these fields need to be persistent and committed to succeed. Relevant work experience, which may be unpaid, can be a vital step to finding paid employment. There are opportunities in printing for entrants at every level

Consider Options* Age 16

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Creative and Media Diploma –	BTEC First Acting & Drama	
GCSE Design & Technology – Graphics		
GCSE Design & Technology – Textiles		
	Dance Production & Performance First Diploma	BTEC National Performance Arts
	Apprenticeship in Creativity	BTEC National Street Jazz Diploma
	Apprenticeship in Design	Advanced Apprenticeship in Photo Imaging
	BTEC Music Performance	BTEC National Certificate Music Technology
	Apprenticeship in QA Games Testing	International Baccalaureate
	BTEC First in Art and Design	BTEC National Award Level 3 Filmmaking (Digital & Animation)
	BTEC National Performing Arts	
GCSEs in: • Dance • Drama & Theatre Studies • Media, film and TV studies • Music • Art & Design • Graphics		AS/A2 levels in: • Theatre Studies • Media Studies • Photography • Textile Art • Film Studies • Music • Music Technology • Dance • Fine Art • Art & Design • Graphics

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- Copywriter
 - Drama teacher
 - Graphic designer
 - Marketing executive
 - Media planner
 - Photographer
 - Public relations officer
 - Sound technician
 - TV production assistant
 - Actor
 - Choreographer
 - Dancer
 - Make-up Artist
 - Music Promoter
 - Prop Maker
 - Stagehand/Manager