

**APPLIED GCSE IN PERFORMING ARTS (OPTION)****Examination Board:** AQA**Assessment Pattern:**
Unit 1 – Skills development
Assessed through portfolio evidence (30%)
Unit 2 – Showcase performance
In response to briefs set by AQA
Externally set brief – internally assessed (20%)**Course Description:** This qualification is designed to give candidates the personal skills, technical knowledge and understanding associated with performing arts at this level. It will introduce students to work-related learning through putting on productions and presentations and equip them with some of the skills they will need for A level or further training in this field. It empowers students to take charge of their own learning and development and is therefore only suitable for students who have the aptitude to work independently and understand the commitment and dedication required for this industry. The course provides a worthwhile introduction to a wide range of personal and organizational skills, which are very valuable in the workplace.

Assessment, by portfolio evidence and external assessment is designed to give credit for what a candidate can do, and so emphasise the vocational aspects.

The course aims to:

- Allow students to explore a range of performance disciplines in the broad context of the entertainment industry, such as singing, acting, dance, music, music technology or technical and design areas.
- enable students to build on their previous experience and relevant qualifications
- provide a practical context within which to encourage students to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding of the performing arts industry.
- develop students' practical, technical and communication skills and encourage them to appreciate the need for continuous practice and improvement.
- Prepare students for further study or training in performing arts related occupations.

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