

Level 1/2 Technical Award in Performing Arts

Inspiring,
multi-discipline
qualification

First teaching September 2017

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A head start in performing arts

Introducing our new Level 1/2 Technical Award in Performing Arts.

We've developed a new Technical Award in Performing Arts offering learners a multi-discipline qualification with the opportunity to perform, learn production skills and discover more about careers in the performing arts sector.

The new qualification will be available for first teaching in September 2017. It replaces our existing GCSE Performing Arts and offers a broader, more contemporary range of

performance and production options.

Technical Awards are practical, vocational qualifications available to 14–16 year olds to take alongside GCSEs. If approved by the Department for Education, a single award will be equivalent to one GCSE qualification and will count towards performance tables. They would also be included in Progress 8 as part of the non-Ebacc open group of subjects.

Key dates

Download our draft specification at: aqa.org.uk/technicalawards-performingarts	September 2016
Attend one of our free launch events, register at: aqa.org.uk/technicalawards-performingartsevent	Autumn 2016
Download our accredited specification at: aqa.org.uk/technicalawards-performingarts	Early 2017
Start teaching	September 2017
First exams	Summer 2018
First awards	Summer 2019

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A specification to unleash creativity

Our new qualification allows learners to:

- unlock creative ideas for a production
- put on a production
- perform effectively on-stage or in a technical role off-stage
- analyse and evaluate their skills independently and within a team

- develop an awareness of industrial practices and employment opportunities
- gain a broad knowledge of creative business practices.

All learners will be taught and assessed in the same way. There is no need to split your class into Level 1 and Level 2.

Assessment structure

Two units are internally-assessed, the third is externally assessed.

- Unit 1: Unlocking creativity (30 %).
- Unit 2: The production/ performance (30 %).
- Unit 3: The performing arts industry (written exam – 40 %).



Where this award leads

This Technical Award equips learners with the practical performing arts skills and core knowledge they need to progress to further study, employment or apprenticeships.

Through practical, project-based learning, learners will develop a variety of transferable

skills including self-appraisal, teamwork and problem-solving.

We've worked with post-16 education providers to ensure that Technical Awards count equally alongside GCSEs when applying to do further study in either general or vocational qualifications.

Contact us

Our subject team is here to help. For updates on our new Technical Awards visit aqa.org.uk/technicalawards contact the customer support team on 01483 437 750 or by email at performingarts@aqa.org.uk

Want to know more about our new specification, launch meeting and resources?

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The information in this guide is based on the draft specification submitted to the Department for Education (DfE) in September 2016 and is subject to change. We will publish the accredited specification and specimen question papers as soon as we receive DfE approval expected by the end of the year.

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