**There are two ways of studying performance at The Henley College:**

*A Level Drama and Theatre Studies (AQA)*

*BTEC Extended Diploma in the Performing Arts*

The main difference between the two courses is that The BTEC Performing Arts course is specifically for students who know already that they want to pursue a career as a performer. For two years you will only study Acting, Dance, Singing, and the Performing Arts business.

If you choose to study A Level Drama you will also study two other subjects. This leaves you with a wider range of choices when you finish your time at Henley.

1. **A Level Drama and Theatre Studies**
* A two year course.
* Taken alongside two other A Levels.
* Assessment is by a three hour written exam taken in June of Year Two, and by two final assessed performances – one scripted, one devised.
* If you are studying GCSE Drama this structure should be very familiar to you.
* 40% of the final mark is based on the written exam.
* 60% of the final mark is based on the performances.
* The written exam has three questions – two on two different set texts, and one on live theatre productions.
* Entry onto the course is based on GCSE results (44 points overall and a 5 in English Language or Literature. These are subject to change.)
1. **BTEC Extended Diploma In The Performing Arts**
* A two year full time course.
* Assessment is mainly by internally assessed units that cover Acting, Singing, Dancing, and the Performing Arts Business. There are nine units assessed this way.
* There are also four units that are externally assessed by BTEC. These are a mixture of written exam and practical performances.
* The balance of disciplines leans more towards Acting than Singing or Dance.
* Students do not need to be good at all three disciplines when they start the course!
* The course is very specifically designed to help students get to the next stage of a career in the Performing Arts i.e. into Drama School or Dance School or onto a related degree course.
* Entry onto the course is based on an audition and interview process.

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