

Qualifications	Equal to	Overall grade/s (Pass, Merit or Distinction)	Study Method	What next your students ?
BTEC Level 3 Certificate	1 AS Level	1 e.g. Merit (M)	Alongside other qualifications for full time students.	As below with 3 other A Levels or equivalent
BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diploma	1 A Level or 2 AS Levels	1 e.g. Merit (M)	Alongside other qualifications for full time students.	As below with 2 other A Levels or equivalent
BTEC Level 3 Diploma	2 A Levels or 4 AS Levels	1 e.g. Merit (M)	Alongside other qualifications for full time students.	BTEC HND/HNC Foundation Degree Honours Degree

BTEC Level 3 Certificate / Subsidiary Diploma / Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting)

BTEC Level 3 Certificate = 1 AS Level

Highly focused expertise and knowledge in a very specific vocational area.

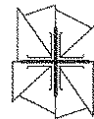
BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary = 1 A Level

A strong grounding in the central expertise and knowledge-base of a particular sector specialism.

BTEC Level 3 Diploma = 2 A Levels

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Ex student Dominic Monaghan in 'Lost'



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No Exams/Practical focus on Acting!!

The BTEC Certificate/Subsidiary/Diploma in Performing Arts is a “hands on” practical and vocational qualification designed for students with a real enthusiasm for and some ability in Acting within the Performing Arts Department. The Certificate can be taken as a single option alongside 2 or 3 other A levels. The Subsidiary and the Diploma are taken as a ‘double’ options at Aquinas alongside 1 or 2 other A levels. In the first year, students can follow the Subsidiary Diploma and achieve the equivalent of one A level. In the second year they can progress onto the Diploma and achieve the equivalent of two A levels. Students at Aquinas can combine this qualification with one, two or three other A levels in related subjects such as Performance Studies, Theatre Studies, and Dance or within a broader range of diverse subject areas.

For the **Certificate / Subsidiary** over the first year students study the following modules:

Performing to an Audience, Principles of Acting, Contemporary Theatre Performance, Developing Voice for the Actor and Developing Physical Theatre.

For the **Diploma** over the second year students study the following modules:

Performance Workshop, Performing Arts Business, Musical Theatre Performance, Theatre in Education, Film and Television Acting, and Acting Auditions.

Then go on to further study

You can go on to take a university degree, BTEC HND/HNC or an NVQ.

BTEC Nationals earn you UCAS points:
Distinction level is equivalent to a grade A (120 points)
Merit level is equivalent to a grade C (80 points)
Pass level is equivalent to a grade E (40 points)

Or start your career

Employers value BTEC Nationals highly because they prove that you:

- are prepared for the world of work
- are committed to your chosen career
- have robust practical and theoretical skills, which can be put in to practice straight away

Plus: **Employers know that job candidates with BTEC Nationals can ‘hit the ground running’- a huge advantage in the job market.**



Building and developing

Exams work well for some people. But others find them daunting and struggle to see how they fit in to the real world of work.

You don’t take exams with BTEC. Instead, each assignment you complete goes towards a unit result. The unit results then contribute to your overall result.

Since your assessment is ongoing, and you’ll be mixing theory with practical exercises, your lecturer can point out any gaps in your knowledge as you go along. So you can use the assessment process to improve your overall performance - just as you would in the workplace.

What do you need ?

At least a good pass in GCSE Drama (A or B) and / or a demonstrated determination to pursue Acting at this level and beyond.



Student Lucy Dixon in ‘Waterloo Road’