



NOVA

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**PROSPECTUS
SEPT 2027**

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WELCOME TO NOVA ARTS

A group of young women in dance costumes are performing on stage. The woman in the foreground is wearing a black high-cut top and a black skirt with fringe, and is smiling. Behind her, other dancers in similar costumes are visible, some with their arms raised. The background is dark with warm stage lighting.

Nova Arts is a bright exciting new college in the north that has grown from the success and high standards of the NovaCity dance school. Our multi-storey studio offers an unparalleled learning environment to earn the qualifications we provide.

It's not just about the grades. Over many years of work in the dance industry, Nova has built a network of professional, active tutors ready to share their real-world experience through our learning programme. This team of top professional teachers, choreographers, and directors ensures Nova can provide the highest-quality training, education, and industry guidance to further our learners' careers.

Our course will cover the traditional aspects of Performing Arts, along with incorporating the up-to-date styles of the constantly evolving demands of the industry. Working alongside the biggest names in the industry, Nova can provide unlimited opportunities for all students, both locally and on a national level. through showcases, competitions, teaching experiences, and public performances.

We believe that with hard work and determination, all our students' aspirations and dreams can be realised.



AUDITION & OPEN DAYS

Applications for September 2027 are open now. Throughout the year (September 2026 – June 2027), Nova Arts will hold a number of OPEN DAYS and AUDITIONS.

AUDITION

AUDITIONS are your time to shine. Once you sign up via the website portal, you will be invited to the next Audition.

The audition consists of classes of different styles, and an interview

OPEN DAY

OPEN DAYS give you the opportunity to visit Nova Arts, meet the staff and current students, and take part in classes to give you a snapshot of what life will be like during your course.

AUDITION DATES

2026

6th November

2027

30th January

25th March

12th May

20th June

OPEN DAY DATES

2026

20th October

2027

22nd January

FEES

COURSE FEE - FREE

The courses at Nova Arts (Level 3 / Level 4) qualify for funding throughout the duration of the course. The courses are **FREE** to attend for the duration of the course.

ENRICHMENT FEE - £250 PER YEAR

An enrichment fee is charged each year and is designed to cover all other costs while at the college. This helps deliver a course over and above the base qualification expectations.

- UNIFORM
- STAGE PRODUCTION COSTS
- EDUCATIONAL VISITS / TRAVEL
- EXTERNAL EXPERT COACHING
- COMPETITION ENTRY
- SHOWCASE ENTRY

LEVEL 3 COURSE

BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Performing Arts

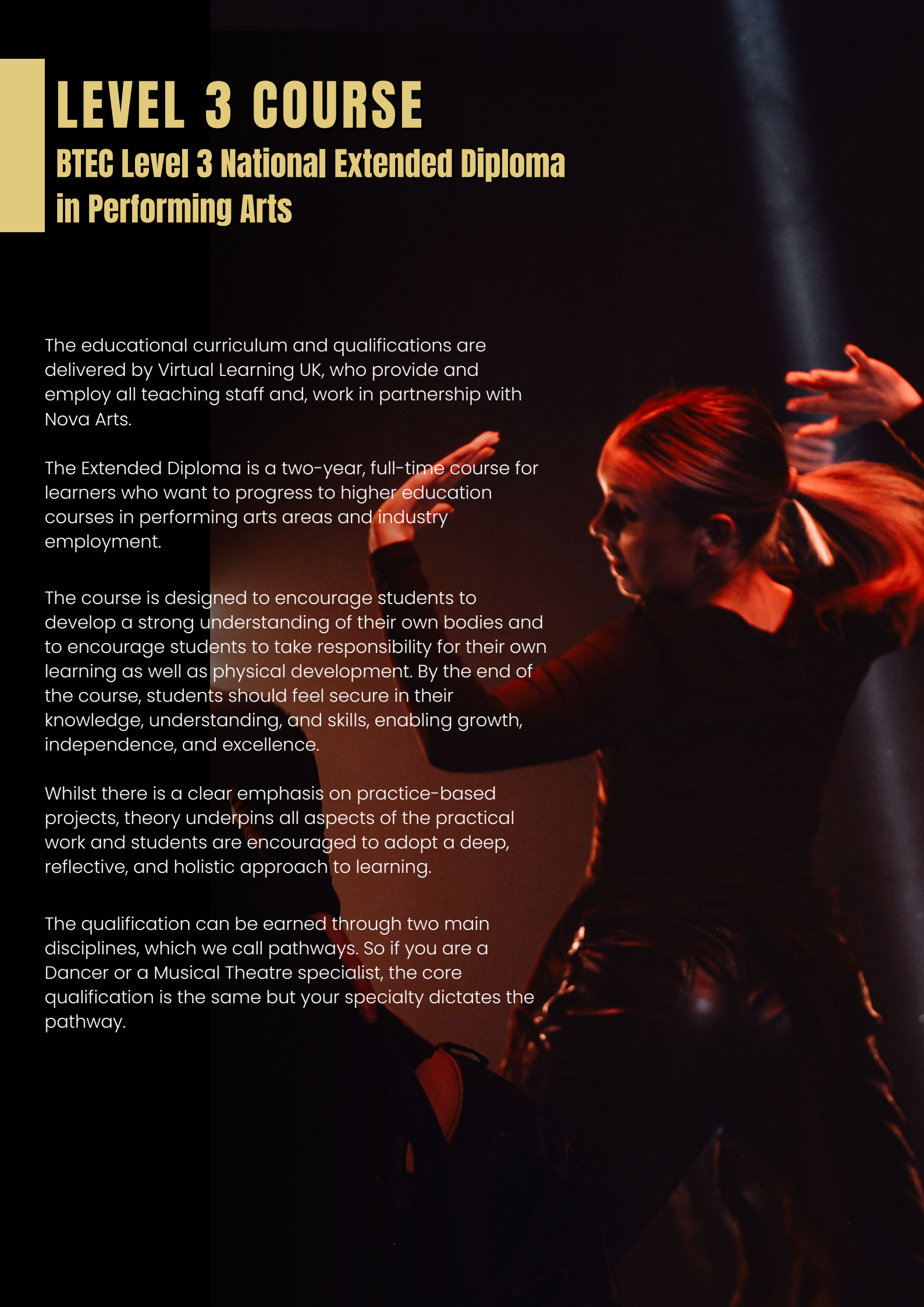
The educational curriculum and qualifications are delivered by Virtual Learning UK, who provide and employ all teaching staff and, work in partnership with Nova Arts.

The Extended Diploma is a two-year, full-time course for learners who want to progress to higher education courses in performing arts areas and industry employment.

The course is designed to encourage students to develop a strong understanding of their own bodies and to encourage students to take responsibility for their own learning as well as physical development. By the end of the course, students should feel secure in their knowledge, understanding, and skills, enabling growth, independence, and excellence.

Whilst there is a clear emphasis on practice-based projects, theory underpins all aspects of the practical work and students are encouraged to adopt a deep, reflective, and holistic approach to learning.

The qualification can be earned through two main disciplines, which we call pathways. So if you are a Dancer or a Musical Theatre specialist, the core qualification is the same but your specialty dictates the pathway.





DANCE

This course is designed to equip the student with the technical ability and understanding to pursue higher education opportunities or enter the dance industry. A practical approach to learning covers all the bases of dance disciplines with the student encouraged to develop their specialisations whilst picking up and training in new skills. This is supported by theory work in the classroom, on visits, or during workshops.

Regular visits from operating professional performers and choreographers ensure that the training is up to date with industry demands.

Dance styles include:

- Ballet
- Street dance
- Tap
- Jazz
- Contemporary

Course Type
Full time

Course duration
Two years

Fee
Free (16-18 year olds) (Enrichment fee may be charged)

Entry requirements
Level 3 - 5 GCSE's 9 - 4

Course progression
Access to higher education HNC Level 4 & HND Level 5
Access to further/higher education, Apprenticeships, or full-time employment

MUSICAL THEATRE

This course is designed to equip the student with the technical ability and understanding to pursue Musical Theatre employment or further training. The course is practical with an emphasis on performance and creation.

Containing aspects of Acting and Dance this pathway could be seen as an all-rounder qualification for performance. The practical element is supported by theory work in the classroom, based on designing, operating, and performing productions.

Elements of the course include:

- Community Performance
- Singing
- Dance
- Acting Styles

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Full time

Course duration
Two years

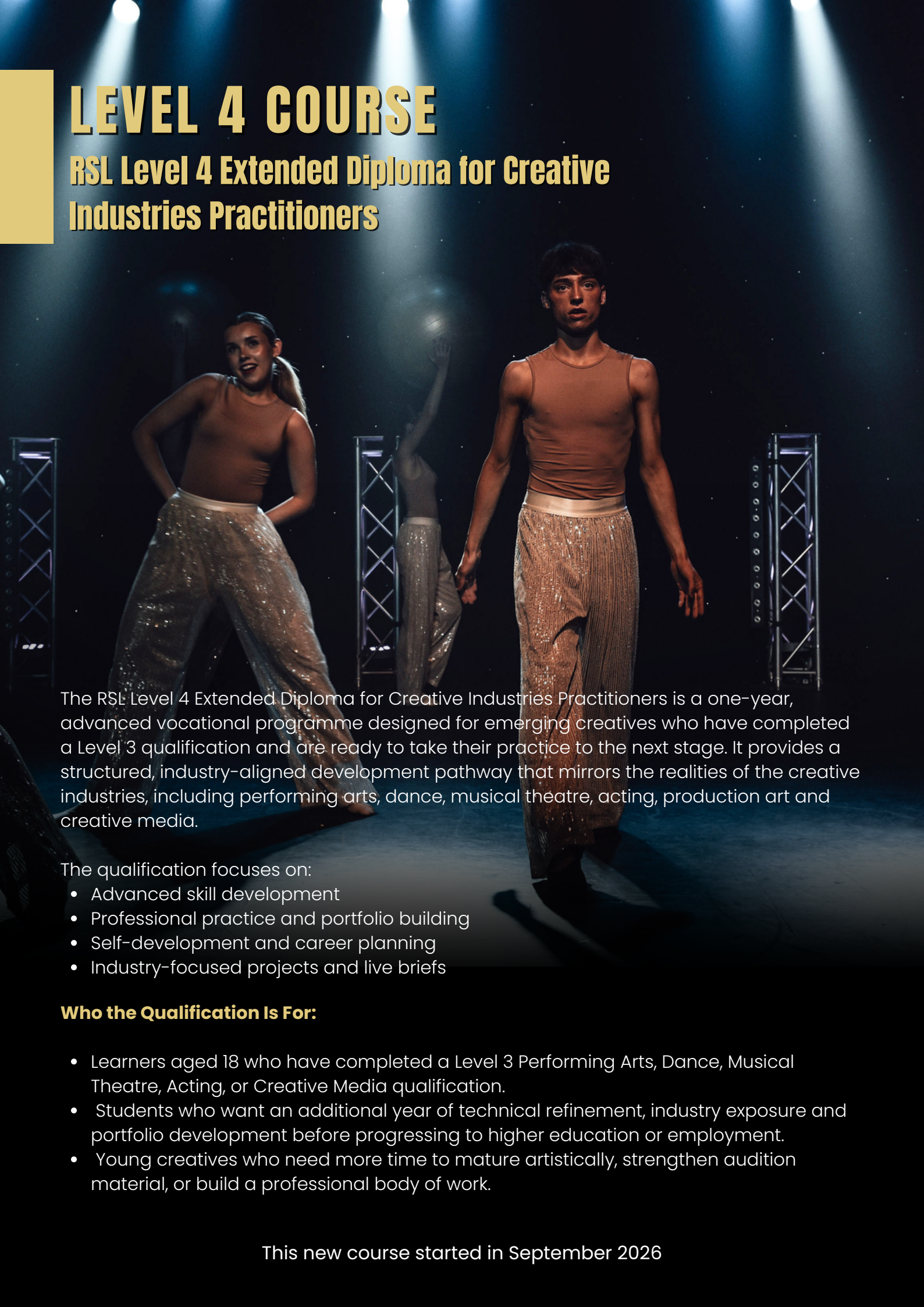
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LEVEL 4 COURSE

RSL Level 4 Extended Diploma for Creative Industries Practitioners

A photograph of two performers, a woman on the left and a man on the right, in a dark studio setting. They are both wearing brown tank tops and shiny, sequined trousers. The woman is in a dynamic pose, leaning back with one leg raised. The man is standing upright, looking towards the camera. In the background, there are metal truss structures and another person in a similar outfit, partially visible. Spotlights from above create a dramatic effect with beams of light hitting the performers and the floor.

The RSL Level 4 Extended Diploma for Creative Industries Practitioners is a one-year, advanced vocational programme designed for emerging creatives who have completed a Level 3 qualification and are ready to take their practice to the next stage. It provides a structured, industry-aligned development pathway that mirrors the realities of the creative industries, including performing arts, dance, musical theatre, acting, production art and creative media.

The qualification focuses on:

- Advanced skill development
- Professional practice and portfolio building
- Self-development and career planning
- Industry-focused projects and live briefs

Who the Qualification Is For:

- Learners aged 18 who have completed a Level 3 Performing Arts, Dance, Musical Theatre, Acting, or Creative Media qualification.
- Students who want an additional year of technical refinement, industry exposure and portfolio development before progressing to higher education or employment.
- Young creatives who need more time to mature artistically, strengthen audition material, or build a professional body of work.

This new course started in September 2026



THE FACILITY

Developed for the Sept 2019 – 2020 academic year, NovaCity began renovation on the top floors of our facility in Barnsley town centre, and with the help of a Sport England funding grant, Nova Arts was born.

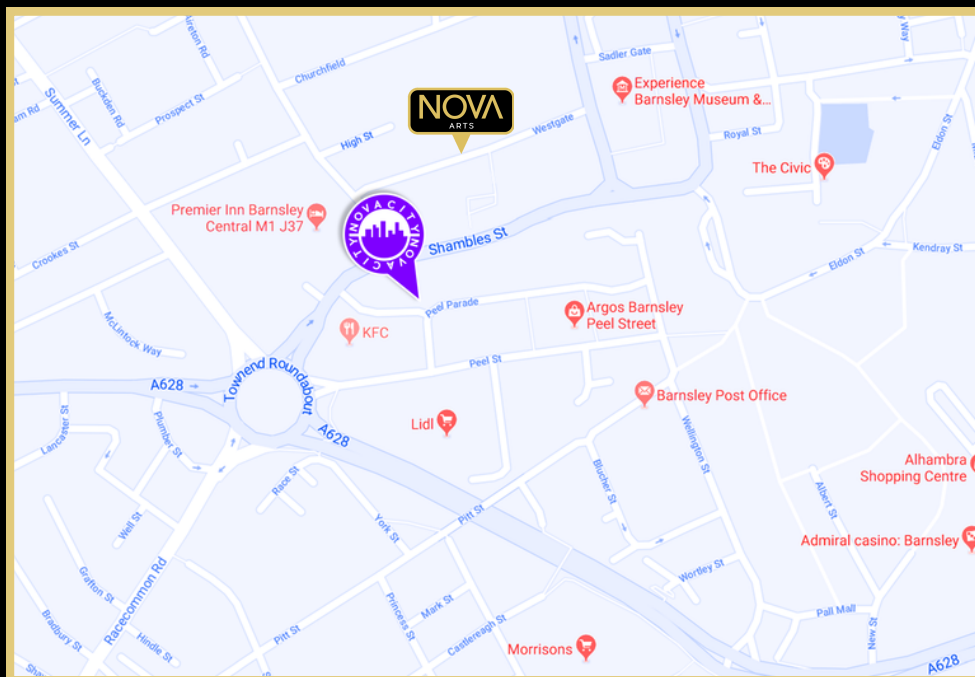
Providing multiple studios and classrooms, the environment suits the intense and focused teaching and learning we provide. Class sizes are kept small to maintain this focus.

The college is easy to get to via public transport and by car, with a dedicated multi-story car park next door. Located minutes away from the town centre, shopping, food, drink, and social spaces are easily accessible with the new Glassworks project now fully open.

In 2025, the college went through a renovation programme to create new performance spaces, studios and classes to accommodate an increased number of students.

ADDRESS

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STUDENT SUCCESS

I had a fantastic 2 years of training at Nova Arts. It's a friendly atmosphere where everyone is made to feel welcome and is pushed to the fullest to become the best they can be. All the different styles of training have made me a versatile performer and enabled me to gain the qualifications I needed to progress to higher education. Currently in my graduate year at Addict Dance where I will achieve my degree in dance.

Kennedy - BTEC Graduate



My time at Nova was a fantastic experience. I came from a classical background and developed into a high-level all-round performer. I felt supported throughout my time at Nova and having previously struggled with the written aspects of courses, I was able to work on methods to enable me to achieve the highest possible theory level, to back up my practical. Graduating from Nova Arts allowed me to take the next steps and join a professional degree course.

Cody - BTEC Graduate

Nova has helped develop my confidence in all areas of Musical Theatre, especially acting and singing. I have made some very supportive friends along the way, which has made the process more enjoyable. The smaller group sizes really help us all to come together and build better connections. I am hoping to go to University after completing the course at Nova, with my eyes set on a place at Performers.

Ford - BTEC Graduate



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