

Unit Three – Performance Support

This is the final component of your GCSE assessment and makes up the final 40% of your marks. This option allows you to present your ideas for one of the technical elements of a performance if you do not wish to perform for your final unit.

You will be assessed on;

- Your response to the needs of the ideas planned by the performance group
- Your reasons for your design decisions in the context of the production
- Your design skills shown in the performance
- How your design enhances the performance

For this option you will work with one of the performance groups to design one of the following technical support skills;

- Lighting
- Sound
- Set and props
- Costume
- Masks or make up

Up to three performance support candidates can work with a performance group but they must each do a different support option.

Each candidate may only offer one option so that you couldn't do lighting AND costume for example.

You will be required to do the following things;

- Work with your chosen performance group to decide what is needed for their performance and then design the elements of your option choice to enhance their performance
- Research and experiment with a range of ideas and choices before making your final decision
- Keep notes throughout the whole process which chart your decisions and choices
- Finalise your design in consultation with the performance group and then make it happen
- Organise the equipment and operate it on the day of the examination
- Create a written portfolio which documents the whole process from initial ideas to finished design
- Present a five-minute speech to the Examiner which outlines what you did which must be recorded on video on the day