



DANCE

What will you study during the course?

Component 1 - Performance and Choreography

This component is the practical element of the GCSE. It contains three practical assessments taken in year 11 which are marked by the teacher but are also filmed and sent off to AQA.

There are two performance pieces:

- Solo performance, which comprises of two set phrases.
- Duet/trio performance.

There is one choreography piece:

- Each student choreographs a piece on a group of their peers, based around a stimulus set by the exam board.

Solo assessment is contemporary technique. The other two practical assessments can be done in a style of the students' choice, providing it meets the assessment criteria.

Component 2 - Dance Appreciation

This component assesses the students':

- Knowledge and understanding of choreographic process and performing skills.
- Critical appreciation of their own work.
- Critical appreciation of professional works - six works are studied throughout the course.

How will the course be taught?

The students will be in a mixed ability class both practically and theoretically. Most of the course is delivered practically, students will have 5 lessons a fortnight, 4 of which will be practical and 1 will be theory. Weighting may change in year 11.

How will your work be assessed?

Component 1

Performance - 2 practical assessments. 30% of GCSE. 40 marks
Choreography - 1 practical assessment. 30% of GCSE. 40 marks
Total component 60%

Component 2

40% of GCSE. 1 hour 30 minutes written examination. 80 marks.

Where can it lead?

The GCSE leads perfectly into the A level in Dance as well as preparing students to study dance in further education, whether it be a degree or vocational training.

With the knowledge that GCSE Dance imparts, students would be able to go into performance, choreography, teaching, stage management, theatre critic, production and many other jobs within the industry.

Dance also has numerous transferable skills and would be beneficial for any other subject students would like to go on and study further.