

DANCE

GCSE qualification



GCSE Dance focuses on the qualities of dance and the use of dance movement as a form of expression and communication; this is studied through the performance, creation and appreciation of dance. Suitable candidates will have a passion for dance and performing together with a creative flair and the ability to work independently to plan and rehearse their own dances. Commitment to after school rehearsals and performances and the ability to work as part of a team is essential to be a successful GCSE Dance candidate.

Students are assessed in the following areas:

COMPONENT 1 - PERFORMANCE (30%) & CHOREOGRAPHY (30%)

- Set Phrases through two solo performances (approximately one minute in duration)
- Duet / Trio performance (three and a half minutes in duration)
- Solo or group choreography - solo (two to two and a half minutes) or a group dance for two to five dancers (three to three and a half minutes)

COMPONENT 2 - DANCE APPRECIATION 40% (Written Exam, 1 hour 30 mins)

- Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills.
- Critical appreciation of own work
- Critical appreciation of 6 professional works

You will experience a range of choreographic styles whilst being able to work within a creative environment, therefore developing independence, technique, and creativity. You must create work individually and in small groups and be prepared to study a wide range of professional work through video and live performance. Participation in extra-curricular dance activities is strongly encouraged.

Dance is an extremely enjoyable subject that allows you to get fit and develop a creative mind. You have the opportunity to develop confidence through performance and express your own ideas through choreographing your own dance. Through theoretical study you will develop analytical skills supporting academic writing development in preparation for a written paper.

GCSE Dance is a unique subject that will develop your problem solving and creative ability together with leadership and management skills preparing you for the world of work.

Grades will be awarded 9-1.