

Exam Board: AQA
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DANCE



COURSE SUMMARY

The course aims to produce creative, thinking dancers who are able to choreograph and perform a range of dance styles. You will have the opportunity to develop your physical skills to improve your all round performance and stage presence through a range of dance classes designed around you and your skills. You will also be able to analyse critically a range of dance styles, works and companies within their social and historical context to assist with your overall choreography and thinking skills.

MIGHT LEAD TO...

Any higher education or apprenticeship that is linked to a creative subject would link with A Level dance. For those students wanting to explore the option of make-up, textiles or stage design would have an advantage studying dance.

The usual avenues of dancer, choreographer, reviewer, lighting designer, photographer and other linked professions would link with this course exceptionally well. Employers and educational institutions are more frequently looking for those applicants that have studied a creative subject.

WHY STUDY DANCE?

The subject develops creativity, choreography techniques and helps with analytical skills, which is particularly useful when writing essays. *Freya*

WHAT HAPPENS IN LESSONS?

Students study a range of different professional works in depth. Key features of the dances and contexts of the choreographers, and their techniques, are also taught. Students are fully involved in class discussions which help us understand the topics. Taking dance encourages creativity and students need to be prepared to be pushed outside their comfort zone and think outside the box. A variety of professional performances are arranged to assist students in their academic studies. *Freya*

COURSE ASSESSMENT

This is a new linear course. This means that students opting for an A Level in this subject will be committing to a two year linear course, with all units examined at the end of Year 13. AS Levels will still exist and can be taken as a stand-alone qualification at the end of Year 12, but students taking this option and then continuing to study the subject in Year 13 would have to sit all the A Level units as linear exams to gain that qualification.

Opportunities are provided for frequent assessment of student's practical and theoretical work so ample feedback is available to improve overall marks and grades. Examination is both practical and written taken at the end of the course.

"When I leave school I hope to continue learning dance or musical theatre. I have studied Dance, English Literature/Language and Religious Studies." Freya

ADVICE ON ENTRY

Good written communication skills are required to complete this subject to a high level. Experience of performing to an audience as well as some choreography skills are also advantageous.

Dance GCSE is not a requirement but those students who have completed the GCSE course on a B grade or higher is preferred.

READING AROUND THE SUBJECT

- [Akram, Khan](#)
- [Dance Advantage](#)
- [The Guardian- Cherkaoui](#)
- [Alvin Ailey](#)