

GCSE Dance FAQs

1. *What is the difference between choosing Dance in the 3 hour or 2 hour group?*

A. Both will achieve the same qualification, with the same content learnt. However, at times the 2 hour group have options on having more extra-curricular sessions. The 3 hour group will also have more opportunity for practical lessons across the year.

2. *How would I be assessed in Dance?*

A. The course is a combination of practical work (60%) and theory work (40%). You will explore performance through delivery of 2 set phrases, performance in a duo/trio and solo/group choreography. All performances are recorded. The theory consists of one written exam paper of 1 hour 30 minutes. The paper is split into 3 sections which covers choreography, your own work and the GCSE Anthology covering 6 professional works.

3. *Do I need to dance outside of school?*

A. Yes, it is highly recommended that you participate in dance classes after school with one of our extra curricular sessions/clubs or with any dance school which might be near by. It is important to understand that you are expected to participate in extra-curricular activities as this will help support you with your practical training in addition to theory work support.

4. *Will I get to choreograph my own work?*

A. Absolutely! You will have lots of opportunities to develop choreography for the duo/trio in addition to making up your own solo/group choreography in response to an externally set exam question.

5. *Do I have to perform in front of an audience?*

A. For two of the performance (set phrases and duo/trio) this will be recorded in the dance studios and is not necessary to have an audience. Although, we also feel it is important that you experience live performance and participating shows. Therefore, choreographies are usually filmed in the theatre however, you can select the dancers for your work.

For any questions not answered here, please feel free to email Miss Warnes RWarnes@stbarts.co.uk