

AQA GCSE Dance

OPTION

GCSE dance provides excellent opportunities to develop technical and expressive skills as well as knowledge and understanding of dance through performance, choreography, and critical appreciation.

As GCSE dance students you will demonstrate your abilities in the three practical elements of the course worth 60%, as well as your theory and understanding in the written paper, worth 40%.

What skills are needed for this course?

- Leadership and the ability to work effectively as a team member
- Organisational skills
- Creativity and confidence
- The ability to remember and recreate dance sequences and a willingness to learning different dance styles

The course aims to:

- Develop students' practical ability in Dance through effective use and combination of the knowledge and skills gained in various elements of the course.
- Encourage students to develop transferable skills such as creativity, leadership and organisation through the choreography and rehearsal elements of the course.
- Introduce students to a range of dance styles which acknowledge aspects of the repertoire of dance that can be seen in the UK today.

Coursework and Examination:

Component 1: Performance and Choreography – 60% of Grade

- Performance
 - Students will perform set phrases through a solo performance (1 minute approximately)
 - Students will also perform in a duet/trio performance (3 ½ minutes)
- Choreography
 - Students will create a solo or group choreography (solo 2 ½ minutes and group 3 ½ minutes)

Component 2: Dance Appreciation (Written Exam) – 40% of Grade

- Section A is based on choreographic processes and performance skills. Section B will relate to students' own experience of performance and choreography from within the course. Section C is based on the GCSE Dance anthology (8 short professional works covering a range of dance styles including ballet, urban, contemporary and dance from other cultures).

Progression Pathways to further and higher education:

- This course provides a strong foundation from which students can take other courses in dance and performing arts. These include A-level Dance or other Performing Arts A-Levels, higher education dance or professional training at University or College. In addition, the skills acquired such as teamwork, problem-solving, management and motivation of others are transferable to almost any career and further studies.

Career Opportunities

- Arts qualifications are recognised by employers as valuable as they encourage creativity, self-discipline and confidence skills required by a range of jobs and careers. Career opportunities could include Dancing professionally, Dance therapy, Teaching, Fitness instructor, Choreographer, Youth work and Physiotherapy.