

### DANCE GCSE

#### What qualification does this course lead to?

Exam Level: GCSE Grades 1-9

Performance Assessment: 30%

Choreography Assessment: 30%

Dance Appreciation: 40%



Dance is a powerful and expressive subject which encourages students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity, whatever their previous experience in the subject. Previous dance experience is essential if you wish to opt for this course due to the demands of the practical elements.

#### What topics will I study?

You will firstly need to have a passion for all aspects of dance. You must be willing and able to take part in all practical areas throughout the two years. In addition to this you need to be interested in the theoretical side of the subject. You will study the following areas:

- Solo Performance; Performance in a duo/trio; Solo or Group Choreography; Process of choreography; Critical appreciation of own work; Critical appreciation of professional works

#### What understanding and skills will I develop?

You will understand the technical and expressive skills required in order to be an effective performer and will take part in a number of performances throughout the duration of the course. You will also gain experience of the process of choreography in order to create your own signature piece of work. With reference to the theoretical side of the course you will learn how to analyse professional works using the constituent features of dance and also how to analyse your own performance and choreography.

#### How will I learn/how will I be taught?

You will be taught over 5 lessons a fortnight (2 theory and 3 practical in the first year which will gradually increase to full time theory in the second year of the course). You will have the opportunity to take part in performances and possibly workshops with professional practitioners. You are also expected to attend all extra-curricular activities available in order to gain as much practical experience as possible.

#### How will I be assessed?

The course is divided into two distinct parts: *practical and theory*. The GCSE course is linear meaning students will sit all exams at the end of the course. You will be continually assessed in all practical components at different stages throughout the course and will also perform your work for a moderator in the second year.

#### What can this course lead on to?

AS and A2 Dance, Level 3 BTEC, attending a specific dance college. If you decide to study a dance degree at university or get a job in the dance performance or choreography industry, you will be expected to have this qualification. It is essential that you gain this qualification if you are thinking of becoming a dance teacher.

#### Who do I need to contact for more information?

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