

Core PE – Option 3 GCSE Dance

What is GCSE Dance all about?

GCSE Dance is an interesting, practical course which enables students with an interest in dance to learn more about dance technique, choreography and professional dance repertoire. Students will be expected to participate in practical dance classes as well as theory lessons. You need to have had experience in contemporary or ballet to do the course and be prepared to work hard and commit to rehearsals when completing coursework and in preparation for practical exams. All GCSE students must be involved in a dance activity in school e.g. Senior Dance Club, Ballet Club or SYCD Company (audition only).

Performance

Students regularly have technique classes to develop and improve their dance skills. Students will experience a variety of dance styles and will be required to perform a solo and either a duo or trio which is examined towards the end of the course.

Choreography

In the same way that music students learn how to compose a piece of music, dance students learn the skills and methods needed to choreograph dance. They will study the process of choreography and learn how to structure, create and develop movement material in response to a variety of stimuli. Students are required to choreograph either a solo or group dance in response to stimuli chosen by AQA.

Dance Appreciation

This part of the course will enable students to study the knowledge and appreciation of the choreographic processes and performing skills, the critical appreciation of their own work and a variety of professional dance works. This is taught practically and theoretically, although is examined through a written paper at the end of the course.

How am I assessed?

Component 1: Performance and Choreography - 60% of GCSE

PERFORMANCE = 30% of GCSE

- 1) Set phrases through a solo performance = 1-1.5 minutes
- 2) Duo/Trio performance = 3.5-5 minutes

CHOREOGRAPHY = 30% of GCSE

- 1) Solo or Group choreography = solo, 2-2.5 minutes, group 3-3.5 minutes

Component 2: Dance Appreciation - 40% of GCSE

Written paper – 1 hour 30 minutes.

Questions based on students' own practice in performance and choreography and the GCSE Dance Anthology.

*** Students have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of extra-curricular clubs on offer and it is an expectation that all students should attend the weekly senior dance club if no other contemporary or ballet dance training is taking place outside of school ***

What examination board will I follow?

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Who should I speak to for further information?

Miss Meeking or Miss Davies