

A-level Dance

Board and specification: AQA A-level 7237

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Subject specific entry requirements:

- Grade 5 in GCSE Dance
- Grade 5 in GCSE English Literature and/or English Language
- Candidates who have not taken GCSE Dance will be considered on an individual basis if they have extensive practical dance experience.

What skills are required of students?

In addition to the physical and fitness skills required for this course, you need to be a competent choreographer and understand dance analysis.

Other key skills that will be required of you include determination, self-discipline, organisation, and communication and team work skills.

You will also need to be independent and motivated.

Course details

A-level Dance is an academic course which looks at both the theory and practice of dance. There is a high level of performance and choreography throughout the course. Key choreographers and practitioners are studied in depth and technical and performance skills are developed to an exceptional level. Theoretical knowledge of a dancer's training is considered and safe practice as a performer is studied in detail. You will engage with the process of choreography and study the production elements of dance performance. The areas of study will give you an in depth knowledge of the key developments of dance within a specific context.

Modules titles and codes:

Component 1 - Performance and Choreography

Solo performance linked to a specific practitioner from area of study e.g. Rambert or American Jazz

Performance in a quartet

Group Choreography

Component 2 - Critical Engagement

Knowledge, understanding and critical appreciation of two set works within a corresponding area of study.

What kinds of work will you do in class and at home?

Class work will include practical lessons to develop your fitness, technique and performance skills.

You will also choreograph work on a range of stimuli and work towards given deadlines.

You will learn the process of dance analysis and this will require additional research at home alongside essay writing.

What other A-levels does your subject connect well with?

Dance connects well with a wide range of other subject areas. It combines particularly well with English Language, Physical Education, Biology, Sociology and any other Arts subject.

What types of university course will be helped by this A-level?

A-level Dance offers opportunities to continue into the Performing Arts Sector in Higher Education institutions. Well-matched degrees include Dance, Drama, Music, Art, Media, Film, Business Studies, Education, Creative Writing, Nutrition and Health and Sport or Exercise Science.

If you have any further queries, please feel free to email Mrs A Arnold or Mrs L Finney.