

Dance

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*“Dance is vital, an activity both exhilarating and liberating to watch or do. The instinct to dance is fundamentally joyous and no matter how hard you try you can’t get away from that for long. It can also be a huge force for good, effectively drawing people together and levelling everyone through sheer hard work. It can speed up your heart rate, it can enliven your being, it can change your life” **Richard Alston CBE***

GCSE Dance

Awarding Body: AQA

Possible Grades: 9-1



Course Outline

Students who study GCSE Dance will be encouraged to:

- learn to choreograph, perform and appreciate dance as an art form
- respond creatively and imaginatively to a range of stimuli, solve problems, communicate ideas and learn to understand a variety of choreographic forms and devices
- develop physical, technical, mental and expressive skills in performance
- analyse, interpret, evaluate and appreciate professional dance works
- work collaboratively with others whilst developing knowledge, skills and understanding of health, well-being and safe dance practice

Assessment

Written examination: 40%

Practical: 60%

Component 1: Performance and choreography

- Set phrases through a solo performance of approximately one minute in duration

- Duet/trio performance (three and a half minutes duration)
- Solo or group choreography

This is internally marked within school and externally moderated by AQA.

Component 2: Dance appreciation

- Written examination 1 hour 30 minutes

What is assessed?

- Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills
- Critical appreciation of own work
- Critical appreciation of professional works

Throughout the course, pupils will be encouraged to see a wide range of dance performances and to take part in live performance within a theatre. Pupils will also be expected to join a school dance club or extra-curricular class outside of lessons to further develop their dance experience and training.



Specification link:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/dance/gcse/dance-8236>

Recommended textbook: None at present
