

# DANCE GCSE



**Dance is an expressive subject, which encourages students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity, whatever their previous experience in the subject.**

GCSE Dance follows the AQA Syllabus, which consists of 2 components. You will study a range of dance styles including contemporary dance and develop your ability to perform, choreograph and analyse professional dance works.

Throughout the course you will be taught technique, performance skills and have opportunities to perform in showcases. Other opportunities could include theatre trips to see live dance and workshops with professional dance practitioners.

## What will I be learning about?

Component	Students will follow:	Weighting
1	<p><b>Performance and Choreography</b></p> <p><b>Performance (30%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set phrases through a solo performance (approx. one minute in duration)</li> <li>• Duet/trio performance (three and a half minutes in duration)</li> </ul> <p><b>Choreography (30%)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solo or group choreography – a solo (two to two and a half minutes) or a group dance for two to five dancers (three to three and a half minutes)</li> </ul>	60%
2	<p><b>Dance Appreciation</b></p> <p>A written examination testing your knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes, performance skills and six set professional works. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Artificial Things – choreographed by Lucy Bennett</li> <li>• A Linha Curva - choreographed by Itzik Galili</li> <li>• Infra – choreographed by Wayne Macgregor</li> <li>• Shadows – choreographed by Christopher Bruce</li> <li>• Within Her Eyes – choreographed by James Cousins</li> <li>• Emancipation of Expressionism – choreographed by Kenrick H2O Sandy</li> </ul>	40%



## Why should I take GCSE Dance?

Do you enjoy practical lessons? Do you enjoy being creative? Most of all do you like to dance? In GCSE dance you get the chance to study and work as a soloist and in groups. You should consider taking dance if you aspire to go into dance/performing arts/physical theatre/PE, but also GCSE Dance will develop your social skills (transferable skills) which will coincide with almost any potential career/job you decide to embark on.



## Can I continue my study after GCSE?

Yes – you can take AS or A Level dance and other suitable A Levels and BTECs such as BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Performing Arts.

