
Examination Board: AQA

Qualification: A level

Teacher Contact: Mrs Smith

Entry Requirements: Grade 5 or above in GCSE Dance, or the equivalent dancing experience. Students will also need to be attending at least one dance technique class per week.

What will I study?

YEAR 1

Component 1: Performance and Choreography

Choreography and performance of a solo and the performance in a duo/trio.

Component 2: Critical Engagement

Two areas of study - chosen from five (one compulsory area of study) and the reflection and understanding of own choreographic and performance practice.

YEAR 2

Component 1: Performance and Choreography

Solo performance linked to a specific practitioner within an area of study. Performance in a quartet and Group choreography.

Component 2: Critical Engagement

Knowledge, understanding and critical appreciation of a compulsory set work and comparative professional dance work.

Am I suited to this course?

You would be well suited to studying Dance at A level if you:

- enjoy working independently and collaboratively in performance, choreography and analysis of dance
- like to attend live dance performances and gain experience from professional dance companies
- are interested in studying dance within a social, cultural and historical context
- would like to develop your creative and communication skills.

What other subjects does it complement?

Dance combines well with other subjects such as English, PE, Music, Drama, Media Studies, Art and History where skills of analysis, interpretation and creativity are central elements. The study of Biology alongside Dance will also help to enhance knowledge of anatomy and the human body in action.

Where can it lead?

Dance A level can be very useful for entry into any Performing Arts, PE or Media course.