

# DANCE



EXAM BOARD: AQA COURSE DURATION: 2 YEARS

The study of Dance enables students to develop socially, promoting creativity, fitness and well-being. As students become performers, they also develop their confidence, self-esteem and team working skills. Assessment includes a combination of practical dance tasks alongside creative extended writing assignments. This equips students with the necessary skills and experience to study Dance further or embark on an exciting career in the Arts.

A-level Dance is a challenging course for dancers wishing to improve their technique, performance, choreography and analysis skills. This A-level is for anyone who is interested in studying Dance in depth; particularly contemporary dance and jazz dance, through the creation of choreography, the performance of independently devised dance works, the analysis of professional dance repertoire and the history of dance. The course reflects both historical and current dance practices, making it more relevant.

## COMPONENT 1: PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY

Practical exam: 80 marks (50% of A-level)

Solo performance linked to a specific practitioner within an area of study

Performance in a quartet

Group choreography

## COMPONENT 2: CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT

A written exam 2 hours 30 minutes. 100 marks (50% of A-level)

Knowledge, understanding and critical appreciation of contemporary and jazz areas of study and set works.

## ASSESSMENT

Students must complete both assessment components.

Section A: short answer questions (25 marks) + one essay question (25 marks) on the compulsory set work/area. Section B: two essay questions on the second set work/area of study (25 marks for each essay).

## CAREERS/HE INFORMATION

A-level Dance is a dynamic qualification which encourages students to develop their creative and intellectual capacity, alongside transferable skills such as team working, communication and problem solving. All of these are sought-after skills by higher education and employers and will help students stand out in the workplace whatever their choice of career.

Students may progress to Dance-related university courses or audition for professional vocational training. Potential careers stemming from this qualification can include: dance performance, education, dance therapy, physical therapy, events and arts management and other related careers.