

Specialist Qualification in Performing Arts (Dance)



Entry Criteria:

- Five GCSE's at Grade 4 or above
- One of the five to be GCSE Mathematics or English at Grade 4 or above

Coursework/Examination Requirements: The course is made up of four units: three core units which are mandatory and one specialist unit. Two units are externally assessed.

Awarding Body/Specifications: Pearson Level 3 Certificate / Extended Certificate in Performing Arts (Dance). Students will be awarded a Pass, Merit, Distinction or Distinction*.

Specialist Qualification (equivalent to one A Level): This is a practically based, work related course which is equivalent to one A Level. You learn by completing projects and assignments that are based on realistic work place situations. The course focuses upon key skills in Dance which include choreography, technique and leadership. A variety of dance styles are addressed throughout the course. **The following units will be covered on this course:**

Year 12

Unit 1 – Investigating Practitioners' Work (Mandatory)

You will develop skills that allow you to investigate the work of influential performing arts practitioners. You will identify the contextual factors that influence their work and critically analyse key information such as creative intentions, performance, production and repertoire in order to develop and communicate independent judgements.

Unit 2 – Developing Skills and Techniques for Live Performance (Mandatory)

This unit serves as an induction into the performing arts where you will develop the appropriate skills and techniques in one or more of the performance disciplines. You will participate in regular workshops, classes and exercises where you will acquire, practise and develop the necessary technical, practical and interpretative performance skills to help you succeed when performing live.

Year 13

Unit 3 – Group Performance Workshop (Mandatory)

You will learn how to respond to a given stimulus as part of a group, using research, discussion and practical exploration to develop performance material and later present an informal presentation of the work to an invited audience. As a member of a team you will contribute to the creative development and rehearsal process, shaping and refining the work, applying performance and team working skills.

Unit 12 – Contemporary Dance Technique (Specialist Unit)

You will learn the key features of contemporary dance. You will participate in dance classes and workshops and explore the styles of several practitioners and pioneers of contemporary. You will create your own contemporary piece within your dance company which will be performed to an invited audience.

Specialist Qualification Certificate: If you choose to study this subject for one year only, you will be awarded the Certificate (equivalent to one AS Level). You will cover Units 1 and 2 and sit public examinations in Year 12.

Progression: The course prepares you for working in the Performing Arts Industry as a Dancer, Choreographer, Arts Administrator or Dance Teacher, or can also give you access to Higher Education.

Opportunities: The opportunity to learn a variety of dance styles and techniques throughout lessons and workshops with invited guests. The opportunity to develop your choreography skills and the chance to create work towards the School's Dance Show. The opportunity to develop social and leadership skills and to become involved with a dance company.