

KEY STAGE FOUR PATHWAYS

Subject Title: **GCSE Dance**

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Examination Board: **AQA www.aqa.org.uk**

Course Content

This course focuses on Performance, Choreography and Dance Appreciation. The lessons will be divided up into practical and theory lessons.

Is Dance for me?

If you have a love of dance, enjoy exercising your creativity and can commit to rehearsing with others then GCSE Dance is for you.

You will learn about performance skills, choreography skills and study 6 professional dance works.

Attending a dance club inside or outside of school would benefit you as it will increase your fitness and help with technique.

You will also be given the opportunity to perform in the Arts Festival, in school productions and will be invited on dance workshops and trips. Participation in these events will help you to gain further knowledge, movement ideas and learn to analyse performances at a higher level.

Independent learning will be set infrequently but attending dance clubs and rehearsals will be expected.

Assessment

Performance 30%

Choreography 30%

Written exam 40%

Practical- Component 1

Students will be assessed as a performer and for their ability to choreograph a dance.

Performance (30%), Perform 2 x solo Set Phrases, performance in a duo or group.

Choreography (30%)

Students choreograph a solo or group dance.

Stimuli for this is released by AQA in year 11.

Theory - Component 2 (40%)

Over 3 years, students will study performance skills, choreographic skills and analyse 6 professional works. Students will learn to compare, contrast and critique each work.

Dance Exam is 1 hour 30 minutes in duration and is split into 3 sections.

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

