

DANCE

GCSE Dance is a course that aims to increase your skills as a dancer, choreographer and dance analyst.

It is primarily a practical subject. It aims to develop your skills as a creative thinker and team player, while enhancing your abilities as a dancer, choreographer, and dance analyst. You will work collaboratively in groups, contributing your own ideas and learning to value and respond to the ideas of others.



Exam Board	Paper Specification	Subject Type
AQA	8236	Option
Qualification Awarded		
GCSE Dance		

ASSESSMENT

Component 1	<p>Non exam assessment - marked by centre and moderated by AQA</p> <p>Performance - 40 marks, 30% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solo performance - 12 marks - you will learn 2 set phrases, approx. 1 min combined Duet/trio performance - 24 marks - 3/3.5 mins 4 additional marks for confidence in performance across the pieces <p>Choreography - 40 marks, 30% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solo or group choreography - a solo (2-2.5 mins) or a group dance for two to five dancers (3-3.5 mins)
Component 2	<p>Written exam - 1hr30min - 40% of GCSE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills, critical appreciation of own work, critical appreciation of six professional dance works, questions based on students' own practise in performance and choreography and the GCSE Dance anthology. 80 marks

EXPECTATIONS

As with all practical subjects, a desire to work hard in class time as well as out of hours learning will be the key to your success. You will perform in groups but also on your own and will develop the necessary confidence and expertise.

A willingness to perform in front of an audience is essential. The more dance experience and practice you have, the stronger your performance will become. We encourage you to watch and research performances whenever possible, with live shows offering a valuable source of inspiration and learning. The more practice that you do in Dance and the more genre's you try will all help you to develop a broad understanding.