

DANCE

Qualification: AQA GCSE Dance

Head of Department: Ms K Sterran

Exam Board: AQA

Why study Dance?

The Dance Department at Coppice Performing Arts School provides students a unique, enriching and progressive experience in Dance. Through a diverse curriculum, outstanding extra-curricular opportunities and connections with the Creative Industries, students benefit from the development of specialist and transferable skills, improved physical, mental and emotional wellbeing and enriched cultural experiences. The Dance Department is proud of its strong reputation for outstanding results and students progressing into higher education and careers in Dance and the Creative Industries.

What will I learn?

GCSE Dance offers a distinct focus on practical work, with exciting content informed by diverse professional practitioners. The course enables you to develop technical competence, performance skills and versatility in a range of dance styles and techniques. You will develop skills, synthesise ideas and shape your artistic voice in choreography, and generate critical, perceptual and evaluative skills in the critical appreciation of dance.

How will the course be structured?

Students will have 2 lessons a week over three years made up of theory and practical focus. All examinations take place in the 3rd year of the course.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Performance

2 Set Phrases set by AQA through a Solo performance.

Duet/Trio Performance (3-5minutes in duration) choreographed by teacher and student.

30% of GCSE - 40 marks

Component 1: Choreography

Solo or Group Choreography based on a provided stimulus – a solo of max 2 ½ minutes, a group for two to five dancers of max 3 ½ minutes.

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Component 2: Dance Appreciation

Written Exam: 1 hour 30 minutes

Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills

Critical appreciation of own work and of professional works.
(Dance Anthology)

40% of GCSE - 80 marks

What career opportunities are there?

Having studied GCSE Dance, you will be able to go on to further study in A-Level Dance or BTEC Performing Arts at Coppice Performing Arts Sixth Form or College. Studies of Dance can project you into specialist careers such as Performer, Choreographer, Teacher, Rehearsal

Director, Dance Journalism, Dance Photography, Producer, Dance Therapist, Project Management, Cultural Learning Officer, Dance science, Digital Artist.

How can I get further information?

Please see Ms K Sterran, Head of Performing Arts