

KS5 Curriculum Overview 2023/24

Department: Dance

Description of KS5 Curriculum:

Dance A Level is an exciting subject which allows students to study the history of dance in the UK and to appreciate performances that have shaped the development of modern dance. There is also the opportunity to look at the dance industry from 2000 until the present day and to assess how the dance world is evolving and modernising.

Through the study of dance knowledge and theory, students learn to appreciate the value of influential choreographers and performers and to understand the developments made in dance. By also studying current and popular choreographers and performers, students explore how dance companies have changed and adapted, in order to survive.

Practically, students develop self-expression, imagination and creative responses to choreography tasks. Their solo tasks enable them to perform in the style of a famous dance practitioner and the quartet involves performing in the style of Jazz.

Component 1: Performance and Choreography (50%)

- Solo Performance
- Quartet performance
- Group Choreography

Component 2: Critical Engagement (Written Paper) (50%)

- Compulsory set work / area of study
- Second set work / area of study

Sequence of Learning:

KS5	Term 1 Content	Term 2 Content	Term 3 Content
Year 13	Theory - Rooster Theory - Independent Contemporary Dance scene Solo Practitioner Group choreography research and rehearsals Quartet	Revision on Rambert Revision on Sutra Rehearsal of all 3 practical areas in preparation for the practical exam in March.	Revision on all theory units. Theory exam June