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| GCSE DANCE |
| Exam Board | AQA | Course Code | 8236 |
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| Outline of course | Dance is a powerful and expressive subject which encourages students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity. GCSE Dance is an exciting and demanding course that requires a great deal of commitment and passion from students.The course is divided into three units:Performance – Performance of 3 dances for assessment. (2 solos, 1 trio)Choreography – You will learn how to create your own choreographyDance Appreciation - The study of the 6 anthology of professional works will develop their ability to critically appraise dance. You will do both practical and theoretical sessions over the two years. The main dance form taught is **Contemporary**. The course is 60% practical and 40% theory.  |
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| Method(s) of Assessment | * **Performance =** 30% of GCSE
* Set phrases through a **solo performance** (approximately one minute in duration)
* **Duet/trio performance** (three and a half minutes in duration)

40 marks (15 marks for set phrases and 25 marks for duet/trio performance)* **Choreography =** 30% of GCSE
* Solo or group choreography – a solo (two to two and a half minutes) or a group dance for two to five dancers (three to three and a half minutes) = 40 marks
* **Dance Appreciation =** 40% of GCSE
* Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills.
* Critical appreciation of own work
* Critical appreciation of professional works
* Written exam: 1 hour 30 minutes
* Question styles, include short and extended answers which require interpretive and evaluative skills.
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| Choose this subject if.. | * You **MUST enjoy being ‘on stage’** and performing in front of others. You will be **EXPECTED** to perform throughout the course.
* You have an interest in dance and the **performance, choreography and design skills** which are involved in dance.
* You enjoy watching dance pieces and being critical about them.
* As a choreographer you will use **creative skills and problem solving.**
* You are committed to rehearsals and working with others.
* You have **good literacy skills** and are able to write extended evaluative exam answers.
* You have **musical knowledge and understanding**.
* A **desire to improve** technical dance ability.
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| Possible careers/ future pathways | * Dance helps improve **Confidence to present yourself in front of others. The confidence to be seen and not hide.**
* **Dance gives young people problem-solving skills**
* Dance gives students leadership skills.
* Do you want to study A Level dance?
* Do you want to study dance at university?
* Do you want to be a dance teacher?
* Do you want a career in the dance industry?

GCSE Dance will help these and many other careers and future pathways.  |