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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 choreography  Dance 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. | | |