

# Dance

Qualification:  
GCSE Dance

Is this course for me?

GCSE Dance is a fresh and vibrant course that includes a range of popular and modern dance styles. This course prepares pupils to be creative, collaborative communicators who can perform, choreograph and critically analyse dance.

What does the course involve?

Students work on their technique and performance skills through weekly practical lessons. The making of dances is an important part of the course and so the craft of choreography is taught to prepare for examinations in Year 11. Dancers study six professional dance works in a variety of styles and are encouraged to take advantage of theatre trips that are organised by the department.

Our resident dance artist Kay Crook runs Dance Academy every week, giving students the chance to further their training and take advantage of opportunities to perform locally and nationally.

Choreography and performance work is showcased at our annual dance show, 'The Blend' each year in March.

How will my work be assessed?

**Component 1 – Performance and Choreography**      **60%**

- Solo performance
- Performance in a duet/trio
- Solo or group choreography

**Component 2 - Critical Appreciation of Dance**      **40%**

- 1½ hour written exam

What courses can this lead to in Post-16?

- At grade 4 or above it forms part of the requirement for A level programmes, including A level Dance
- BTEC Dance or Performing Arts at level 2 or 3
- Dance training at vocational dance schools and conservatoires

For more details please contact  
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