



GCSE

Dance

Course description

This 2-year course explores three main areas of study:

Composition: Creating solo and/or group dances based upon set material taught and a variety of other stimuli.

Performance: Performing in solo and group dances in a variety of styles. Students will be taught 6 set phrases of which they must select 3 to perform with accuracy.

Appreciation: Learning about safe practice as a dancer and also the study of Professional Choreographers. They will also learn to critically appreciate their own work.

Students wishing to follow this course would benefit from having followed dance in KS3 and/or take part in dance classes outside school. They must be prepared to understand the theory of dance as well as be prepared to dance in front of an audience on several occasions.

Students must take part in practical lessons and wear correct dance kit of black trousers and GCSE dance T-shirt.



Head of Department
Ms A O'Neill



Exam Board
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Number of timetabled periods per fortnight:
6



Equivalent number of GCSEs awarded:
1



Exam Board website
[Dance](#)
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Assessment

The course is examined as follows:

Composition/Choreography: 30% of GCSE - 40 marks

- Solo or group choreography – 2 ½ - 3 ½ mins

Performance: 30% of GCSE – 40 marks

- Solo Performance – 1 min
- Duet/trio performance – 3 ½ mins

Appreciation: 40% of GCSE – 80 marks

- Written Paper – 1 hour 30 mins

