

# Performing Arts - Dance

Technical award - EDEXCEL

Subject Leader: Miss Cariss

## What's it all about?

The content of the two year course covers both the practical and theoretical aspects of dance. A dance student should have a keen interest in a wide range of dance styles and a passion for being on stage and performing. Students will be required to attend extra-curricular rehearsals and evening showcases of performance work. Students will also be encouraged to take part in school dance evenings and engage in organised educational visits to the theatre to watch live repertoire.

## Who should take it?

Dance students should have a keen interest in a wide range of dance styles and a passion for being on stage and performing. If you are determined, resilient and have a desire to succeed, this is the right course for you! You must be prepared to attend extra-curricular rehearsals.

## What will I learn on this course?

The two year course will cover a range of practical units in which you will perform as part of a group and as a solo dance artist. Within the structure of the course you are able to perform taught repertoire and devise your own original work. You will also be given an insight into how dance classes and rehearsals are structured and carried out with the performing arts business.

## How will I be assessed?

You will be assessed in two different ways. Components 1 and 2 are assessed through internal assessment. This is where your teacher will give you an assignment brief and will mark your work against a criterion. Your third assessment will be an external assessment. This will be a task set and marked by the exam board. The grades are Level 2 pass, Level 2 merit, Level 2 distinction and Level 2 distinction\*.

The following units will be covered:

- Exploring the Performing Arts
- Developing skills and techniques in the Performing arts
- Performing to a brief

## What do your current students say?

“Dance is fun and we get to perform lots of styles”

“You can develop your skills through extra rehearsals”

**Is there anything else I need to know?** (e.g. specialist clothing, equipment, materials etc.) You will be required to attend extra-curricular rehearsals and evening performances that showcase assessed practical work. The department organises a range of educational visits and workshops to the theatre throughout the year. Which you will be required to attend. A BTEC Dance T-shirt will need to be purchased. Black dance trousers or plain tracksuit bottoms will be worn in addition to this. Dancers will work in bare feet.

## Who can I contact for further information?

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