

GCSE Dance helps students develop technical and performance skills as well as knowledge and understanding of dance through performance, choreography and critical appreciation of dance.

The course which is examined by both your teacher and an external examiner is in:

**Performance** – Set Dance and Performance in a Group.

**Choreography** – Solo and a solo/ group piece and Extended Programme Note.

**Appreciation** – Safe Dance Practice, the Craft of Choreography, and the Study of Five professional dance works.

Students have the opportunity to study Dance as a GCSE subject. This course comprises of both practical (80%) and theoretical (20%) components. Students develop their performance and expressive skills in Dance through performing in solo and group performance pieces for both examinations, as well as performance concerts (i.e. Freeflow – our annual dance show).

In addition, choreography is another element where students explore a variety of themes to create their own piece of work. Critical appreciation is the last area of study where students analyse dance works on video, as well as attending theatre visits to watch professional dance companies.'

This course provides a solid foundation for a career in Dance or Performing Arts and/or further studies in Dance or Performing Arts, including 'A' Level Dance.