



Dance – A-level

(Exam Board: AQA)

A Level Dance helps students develop creative skills and academic analytical skills as well as supporting fitness, well-being and a wide range of social skills.

As well as supporting students who wish to pursue a career in the performing arts, A Level Dance equips students with a wide range of transferable skills such as analytical skills, communication skills, collaborative working skills and self-confidence.

The course combines practical dance exploration alongside critical exploration of significant developments in the world of Dance.

On an average week, students will have 3hrs of practical Dance lessons.

What do I need?

- An interest and willingness to explore Dance in a variety of practical forms.
- A willingness to engage with academic and written work and apply oneself independently.
- GCSE grade 4 in Dance would be desirable, or significant previous experience to prepare oneself for the rigours of the course.



Dance at Notre Dame

We run extra-curricular opportunities in Dance throughout the year including the Annual School Musical. We also take an annual overnight trip to London, on which we see west end shows and participate in workshops run by industry professionals.

We work collaboratively with a wide range of partners such as professional dance companies to offer opportunities to develop further dance skills and gain insights into the industry. We have previously worked with Sadler's Wells, Phoenix Dance and Boy Blue amongst others.

Course Outline, and how will I be assessed?

- **Component 1: Performance and Choreography (50%)**

Externally Assessed

- Solo Performance
- Performance within a quartet
- Creating their own choreography for a group

- **Component 2: Critical Engagement (50%)**

Externally Assessed

- Written Exam (2hrs 30 mins)
- Section A: short answer questions (25 marks) and one essay question (25 marks) on Rambert Dance Company
- Section B: two essay questions on American Jazz Dance (25 marks for each essay).

