
PERFORMING ARTS PRACTICE (Dance)

Examination Board: Edexcel

Syllabus: 603/4668

WHY STUDY PERFORMING ARTS - DANCE?

Do you love to dance? Do you enjoy opportunities to create your own dances? Do you prefer coursework to exams? If yes, then this course is for you! You will prepare performance projects over two years culminating in a final showcase.

Students will have the opportunity to:

take dance classes in improvisation, contemporary dance, jazz dance, musical theatre dance, mime and physical theatre

choreograph original dance from a variety of stimuli

develop the ability to critically analyse dance through verbal and written discussion

THE A LEVEL PROGRAMME OF STUDY: How you will be assessed

Level 3 National Foundation Diploma

| Unit | Unit contents | Assessment and duration |
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| F16 Planning a Career in the Industry (core) | Research and investigate careers in the Performing Arts industry that you are interested in. | Produce a power point of your research and personal investigation. |
| C4 Exploring Performance Styles | Explore a variety of dance styles and professional works. Select two styles which suit the group. Rehearse and prepare for performance. Log rehearsals in your vlog. | Perform two dances (8-15mins each) from two contrasting styles. Produce a Vlog. |
| C5 Creating Performance Material | Respond to a stimuli and explore different practitioner's methods of choreography. Create an original dance and vlog the process. | Perform your choreography –produce a Vlog. |
| C6 Performing as an Dancer as part of an ensemble | Collaborate to decide upon your final show. Include opportunities to showcase your acting talents. | Perform in your final Show Case Before. |

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Studying Performing Arts will help develop the team work, leadership, problem solving and presentation skills suited to a variety of degree courses. This vocational course is an excellent preparation for any university course. This course is also an excellent route to Drama School. Past Sandon students have gained prestigious places at Mountview, Urdang and Performers College. Students not intending to go to university have an excellent basis for entry into apprenticeships and the workplace. It is the equivalent of 1.5 A Level study.

SUBJECT SPECIFIC ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Students must have achieved grade 4 or higher in GCSE English literature or English language or Dance, Drama or Performing arts. All applicants will be required to attend a 'This is Me' audition; 1 to 2-minute dance of your choice.

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