



DANCE

Examination Board: RSL (Level 3 Diploma)

Course content:

The dance course is a dynamic qualification which encourages students to develop their creative and intellectual capacity, alongside transferable skills such as team working, communication and problem solving. All of these are sought after skills by higher education and employers and will help them stand out in the workplace whatever their choice of career. This qualification is a rigorous advanced (level 3) technical qualification, on a par with A levels and recognised by employers. It will equip students with specialist knowledge and skills, enabling entry to employment or progression to a to a higher education course.

Learners completing this qualification will also have the skills to progress straight into the creative and performing arts industries. Students will learn to lead, choreograph and perform dance as well as analyse professional works and learn the historical context of a range of works.

Units:

The Level 3 Diploma in Creative and Performing Arts has a total number of 7 units completed over two years as follows:

Externally Assessed Core Units 1

Internally Assessed Core units 1

Internally Assessed Optional Units 5

External Core 304 Performance Preparation

Internal Core 306 Planning for a Career in the Creative and Performing Arts

Optional Unit 322 Applying Safe Dance Practice

Optional Unit 329 Dance Technique & Performance

Optional Unit 331 Ensemble Dance Performance

Optional Unit 334 Leading Dance

Optional Unit 335 Repertory Dance Performance

Assessment:

There are four bands of assessment (pass, merit, distinction and unclassified) for each unit. Overall grades are banded pass, merit, distinction, distinction* and unclassified. In order to achieve the minimum of a pass grade, learners must pass every individual assessment criterion within every learning outcome.

Skills:

You will have physical technique classes in a range of styles to train your body for performance. You will need to be able to learn and remember movement given to you. You must enjoy watching and observing others dance as you will have to analyse and study their performances and professional works in depth. You must be prepared to spend plenty of extra time out of lessons working on various components of the course and completing your portfolio.

Links with other subjects:

There are many links to other subjects depending on the style of dance you are studying. History and Geography can help give an insight into different cultures and traditions in order to understand the many styles of dance. Drama and Music complement Dance wonderfully.

Prior experience:

At Key Stage 4, RSL Level 2 Dance certificate forms an excellent introduction to the vocational and practical nature of this qualification, although it is not essential. Students interested in this KS5 course must demonstrate enthusiasm, energy and the ability to work hard both individually and as part of a team.