



Dance

One year AS/Two year A level.

Dance examines the different styles and techniques used in the creation of professional work. The course aims to develop your skills in performance, choreography and analysis through a combination of both theory and practice. Throughout the course you will develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of Dance in a variety of different genres.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start an advanced level course is one grade B and four grade Cs at GCSE. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade C or above in GCSE English Language and Dance. However, BATD/ISTD awards in Dance at Grade 4 or above will also be accepted. The student will also be expected to meet the Average Points Score for this subject.

This subject will focus on:

- the study of the dancer as a performer, including anatomy and physiology and performance skills;
- the process and craft of choreography – both students' own work and that of professional repertoire; and
- the analysis of a variety of professional work in different dance genres.

You can expect to:

- choreograph a solo based on a question set by the Examination Board;
- perform a solo in the style of the genre studied;
- choreograph a group dance based on a question set by the Examination Board;
- perform in a duo or trio in any chosen dance style; and
- answer questions based on a range professional works including a set work, the process of choreography and performance.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by written/practical examination and practical coursework.

Progression:

This course provides students with the opportunity to study Dance, Performing Arts or Media related subjects either at university or in a vocational capacity. Dance can lead to a number of career choices such as performance, chorography, arts administration or teaching.

Gina Johnson (ex Stratford school) graduated from Middlesex University in 2006 having studied a degree in Dance. She said of the course: "A Level Dance provided me with a secure foundation for further study at university and a career in dance."

Dance had a 100% pass rate at A Level in 2009.