

SMW 6th Form A Level Dance



Student studying this course say:

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"Having the opportunity to go and see so many dance companies is wonderful, it really helps me with my own technique and choreographic skills!"

"I love the studio space"

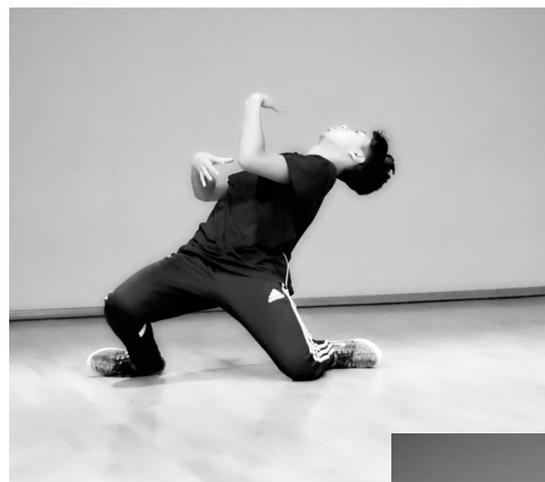
"The staff are so helpful, they really care about our learning and really want us to do well. We enjoy the way it feels when we perform it's so exciting!"



The Trinity Sixth Form at St Margaret Ward

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DANCE



### ***What is the level of course I will take?***

A Level Level 3 (AQA)

### ***What level of GCSE 's might I need to take this course?***

A passion for Dance and performing is essential. A grade C or above in English is desirable.

### ***What type of qualification will I be taking?***

A Level (Level 3)

### ***How will I be Assessed?***

There are three elements to the course - **Performance, Choreography and Critical Engagement (Dance Theory)**.

**Performance (Comp1)** - You will be required to perform solo works and performances in a quartet across your 2 year program and will take part in dance technique classes in your chosen dance style.

**Choreography (Comp1)** - Over the 2 years you will create a group choreography performed in a live setting.

**Critical Engagement (Comp2, Dance Theory)** - You will be assessed through a written exam at the end of your course. This will be based on your area of study, either Ballet, Jazz, Modern Dance and Contemporary and the Set Works.

**Component 1**—Weighted at 50% of your overall mark.

**Component 2**—Weighted at 50% of your overall mark.

Continual assessment of dance work, both practical and written, takes place on a one-to-one basis. Constant verbal assessment and advice will help you to improve your technique, performance and choreographic skills.

### ***How will I learn?***

Dance is taught within an established and successful department. It is an exciting course that develops you as a practitioner, performer and choreographer of Dance. Students learn primarily through practical workshops with additional theoretical lectures and discussions on Dance history and context. Since the course was established in 2003, we have enjoyed a 100% pass rate. We work on individual learning programmes and offer extensive support to ensure you reach your potential.

### ***How will the course help me after Sixth Form?***

Dance is a powerful and inspiring subject that encourages students to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual capacity, regardless of their previous experience in the subject.

The study of Dance enables students to develop socially whilst promoting creativity, fitness and well-being. As students become performers, they will develop their confidence, self-esteem and team working skills. Studying Dance gives you the opportunity to develop lifelong skills such; as leadership; confidence; the ability to meet deadlines and the ability to motivate yourself and others, giving you the employability skills and experience to better prepare you for the demands of higher education or the workplace.

The research and written element of the course will develop a students' appreciation for the art form and an understanding of the historical and cultural contexts in which it lies. Our past students have gone on to study Degrees at various Universities including; Manchester Metropolitan University, Liverpool John Moores University and The University of Roehampton.

### ***What will I learn?***

This course explores the form and context of Dance, it will develop your performance technique in the dance styles of Contemporary, Ballet, Jazz and Modern Dance. The course will enhance your knowledge and understanding of performance, choreographic techniques, safe practice and physical well-being. You will have the fantastic opportunity to work in an up to date purpose built dance studio, with access to professional lighting and sound equipment.

You will also be part of a rich and varied programme of extra-curricular activities which includes participation in Contemporary Dance companies, Street Dance companies and you can partake in National events such as 0 Dance at the Regent Theatre and the UDO Street Dance championships to name but a few. We organise regular theatre trips to see National and International Dance companies. Shows recently seen include Rambert Dance Company, Matthew Bourne's New Adventures in Motion Pictures and Ballet Boyz as well as trips to London's West End to see world class Musical Theatre and participate in workshops at Pineapple Dance Studios.

Students have the opportunity to perform in various performance evenings both at St Margaret Ward, at local theatres and within the wider community. We also have extensive links with Universities and professional Dance companies which leads to collaborative work, workshops and professional performance experiences.