DANCE

Subject title	Dance
Exam board	AQA
Exam board specification number	8236
Entry level	GCSE
Setting arrangements	Mixed Ability
Time allowance each fortnight	e.g. 1 x 1 hour; 1x 1.5 hours

Assessment and coursework
Should include:
Types of assessment
Practical coursework: 60% of final grade – assessed in year 11
Written examination: 40% of final grade – assessed in year 11

GCSE Dance is a practical course designed for students who are enthusiastic about dance. It is open to all students, although some experience of dance is a bonus.

The course is split into two components, Performance & Choreography and Dance Appreciation

Component 1 - Performance & Choreography 60% overall GCSE Grade

What's assessed?

Performance (40 marks available):

1. You will learn four set phrases and perform two as a solo (approx. 1 minute) **12 Marks**
2. You will perform either a duet or a trio based on the other set phrases (approx. 3—3 and a half minutes) **24 Marks**
3. You will be marked out of 4 (in total) to demonstrate mental skills and attributes shown through performances **4 marks**

Choreography (40 marks available):

1. You will create either a solo or group choreography, of between two to three minutes, choreographed in response to a range of stimuli chosen by the exam board

Component Two: Dance Appreciation 40% overall GCSE Grade

What's assessed?

1. Knowledge and Appreciation of choreographic processes and performing skills
2. Critical Appreciation of your own work
3. Critical Appreciation of professional dance works

The GCSE Dance anthology provides the focus for learning how to critically appreciate professional set works. The Anthology consists of six short professional dance works, of between 10 and 30 minutes duration, choreographed by established and emerging artists in a range of styles and style fusions. Students must study all six works in their entirety and be prepared to describe, analyse, interpret, evaluate and reflect on the works in response to short answer and extended writing questions.

40% of the overall GCSE grade and is assessed through a 90 minute written exam.

Home study

Expected time allocation for the subject

1x60 minutes each week; there may be a higher workload during times when preparation for controlled assessment is being done and students will be expected to rehearse their coursework at lunchtime and afterschool.

Help for home study

GCSE Dance Club: (Monday lunchtime)

Other sources of help

Theatre Trips

Malmesbury School Dance Company rehearsals to develop technical and performance skills (Thursdays 12.35-1.25pm by audition)

Additional information about the course

You will need to be rehearsing outside of lesson time in order to develop your technical and choreographic skills.