

Dance

GCSE – Code: 8236 – Exam Board: AQA



Saint Joseph's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Assessment:

- **Performance:** Internally marked and externally moderated. 30% of final mark
- **Choreography:** Internally marked and externally moderated. 30% of final mark
- **Paper 1 Dance Appreciation:** Written examination (1 hour 20 mins), 40% of final mark

Key Information:

Pupils will study a range of dance styles and style fusions underpinned by the Dance Anthology, which includes six professional works. Pupils study all six works, which include:

- Difference dance styles and fusions of style
- A selection of established and emerging choreographers
- Different numbers and combinations of dancers
- A variety of choreographic approaches
- Different choreographic structures
- A variety of aural settings
- Inclusive dance

Who is this course for?

This specification focuses on the aesthetic and artistic qualities of dance and the symbolic use of movement to express and communicate ideas through concepts through the interrelated processes of performance, choreography and appreciation.

Dance is an empowering and powerful form of non-verbal communication and is both physical and expressive.

The subject will encourage pupils to develop their creative, physical, emotional and intellectual

capacity, whatever their previous experience in this subject.

It should however be noted that it is very difficult to achieve over 50% if you do not dance with a dance company.

Skills Gained:

- Increased core body strength, flexibility, balance and coordination
- Development of expressive skills
- Ability to work in a group
- Presentation skills
- Creative awareness of the choreographic process

Linked Careers:

- Choreographer
- Dance Journalist
- Participatory Dance Artist
- Costume/Set Designer
- Dance Artist/Performer
- Dance Health Practitioner
- Movement Therapist
- Primary/Secondary School Teacher

Enrichment: Dance Live

Dance Live is an amazing opportunity for pupils to perform a dance piece choreographed by a local company and performed on a live stage. All GCSE Dance pupils must be involved in this enrichment activity.

For more information, see the full course specification:

aqa.org.uk/subjects/dance/gcse/dance-8236/specification

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