

EDUCATION EVOLVED

Dance

What do I need to wear for practical lessons?

- Dance clothes – comfortable leggings and t-shirts or leotards and tights (you will need a black leotard and leggings or tight fitting black dance clothing for the practical exam). Suitable underwear is also important – tight, supportive undershorts for boys and sports bras for the girls.
- No flared trousers or low cut or cropped tops
- Long hair needs to be tied back
- No jewellery
- Bare feet unless specified

What is covered in the course?

Dance classes in contemporary dance technique

Workshops in improvisation and choreography

Theoretical classes covering dance history and dance analysis

How much of the course is theory based?

50% theory, 50% practical

Are there performance opportunities?

Yes, you will have showcase performances throughout the college year and usually first years take part in 2nd year choreography so will therefore perform in the 2nd year exam as well.

Are there workshop/enrichment opportunities?

Yes, we have outside companies come in to deliver technique workshops and contemporary classes. We also organise workshops throughout the year with outside practitioners and trips to see live dance performances.

What equipment do I need?

Pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, highlighter pens

A4 Lined paper for taking notes in class

An A4 ring binder and dividers to help you organise class notes and research

Hard back note books for journal entries for specific projects

What can I do now to be prepared?

Watch and take part in as much dance as possible. Follow dance practitioners online. Rambert Dance company, Christopher Bruce, Richard Alston, Glen Tetley, Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui, Akram Khan, Jasmin Vardimon - Find them on social media and give them a follow!

Where can A Level Dance take me?

Students completing this course have gone on to Higher Education courses such as BA Honours degrees in Dance, Performing Arts, and a selection of students have gone on to Performing Arts or Dance Schools. Whilst a performer's career can be brief, a career or vocation, in the dance 'industry' can last your entire life. Skills learnt lead to employment in Education, PR, Marketing, Creative Administration, Events management or many roles requiring communication and a creative outlook.

