

Curriculum information for GCSE Dance Year 11

Which exam board and course are used?	AQA GCSE Dance
What curriculum topics are being covered this year?	Year 11: Choreography Recapping and rehearsing set phrases and duet. Critical appreciation of own work. All Practical assessments. Revision.
How many exams have students got and what is covered in each one?	1 practical exam: 2 set phrases. 1 Duet/Trio. 1 piece of choreography. 1 theory paper: <i>Section A</i> – Knowledge and understanding of choreographic processes and performing skills. <i>Section B</i> – Critical appreciation of own work. <i>Section C</i> – Study and analysis of 6 professional works.
What should students be focusing on?	Performance: Physical, technical, expressive, and mental skills. Choreography: Selection and use of appropriate actions and dynamics, space and relationships, structuring devices, choreographic devices, aural setting, and performance environment to convey the chosen choreographic intention (dance idea). Theory: • Understand the theory of choreography and associated key terms. • Understand safe dance practice. • Define, explain and give examples of physical, technical, expressive, and mental skills. • Study and understand 6 professional set works in detail, being able to compare them and give clear examples. • Analyse and evaluate own performances and choreography.
What is the best way for parents to support students in this subject?	Encourage/support your child to attend clubs/ dance performances, shows and competitions in and out of school. Support them in completing homework, set tasks and practical deadlines on time. Encourage your child to maintain commitment towards subject and keeping physically fit and active to aid with practical elements.
What websites and resources would be helpful? What wider reading would be helpful? Where can I get resources?	A wide variety of Dance resources are provided through booklets and revisions aids. Students have access to the schools Planet E-Stream, where all the professional works are available to watch.

	Students can access the set phrase videos through the AQA website, either search for the subject or type in the URL below: https://www.aqa.org.uk/resources/dance/gcse/dance/teach/set-phrases
Have previous students got any tips or advice for this subject?	• Stay organised and on top of deadlines, particularly within practical elements. • Use rehearsal time in school during class or lunchtimes to get help and refine practical aspects. • Use past papers to understand the structure of questions and technique required. • Watch the videos of the professional works as much as possible.