



NOWER HILL HIGH SCHOOL



DANCE A LEVEL - AQA

Who is the course for?

Students with a keen interest in Contemporary dance and who possess the ability to perform and choreograph dance compositions.

What can it lead to?

Practical or theoretical dance studies courses at university, professional dance contracts, choreographing and community dance.

What are the entry requirements?

You are required to have previous dance training (in any dance style) and if you studied Dance as a GCSE subject you must have achieved Grade 5 or above.

What will I study?

The A level course combines critical engagement, performance and choreography.

You will develop your critical analysis skills focusing on two areas of dance study, one set work and one optional area.

Choreograph a group piece developing the tools required to manage a group of dancers to produce a creative outcome.

Perform a solo composition based on a professional practitioner developing your skills as both an interpretative and technical dancer.

How will I be taught?

Through whole class, small group, paired and individual teaching. Lessons will be both practical and theoretical.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Performance and Choreography
Solo performance, performance in a quartet, group choreography)

Component 2: Critical Engagement
Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes focused on one compulsory set work and one optional area of study.

Exams 50%
Coursework 50%

Date of Assessment: Practical April / Written June

What equipment or materials do I need?

Appropriate dance wear required for practical lessons.

Black leotard and tights (girls) Black vest and tracksuit bottoms (boys) for performances and exams.

Are there any links to other courses?

Dance links to all performing arts courses.