

BTEC DANCE

This is an exciting new course being offered to anyone who loves Dance.
The course is worth 2 GCSEs.

The majority of the course is practical and focuses on Contemporary Dance as well as experiencing other styles of Dance, such as Street Dance and social dance. You will learn to perform in groups, duets and solos and you will then perform in groups for assessment and public performances during the course.

There is no written examination! All your written work during the course, including self-evaluations, reviews and research projects, form a portfolio of evidence which is marked by your teacher.

The three units you will study over the course are:

1. **Performing Dance** – you will learn, rehearse and perform choreographed dances in different styles. “Throughout the unit you will review and evaluate your own work and that of others in rehearsal and performance, so that final performances can be successful.”
2. **The Development of Dance** – you will learn about the choreographic process (how to create dances) and how different dances have developed “the range of dance styles that we experience and enjoy today is the result of a diverse and exciting journey of development which has taken place over many years”.
3. **Contemporary Dance** – you will improve your technical dance skills and demonstrate those skills in classwork and in performance. “Contemporary dance technique is essential for anyone intending to work in choreography and performance or wishing to progress to higher qualification levels.”

Pupils will be offered exciting opportunities to take part in workshops by professional dancers and theatre trip visits when available throughout the course.

Performance opportunities include shows in school, The Memorial Hall, Wales Millennium Centre and The Sherman Theatre.

