

A Level

Dance

AQA



A strong commitment and passion for dance is essential for this course and you will need to have prior experience in any dance genre.

If you choose not to continue this onto year 2, you are able to sit an AS exam at the end of year 1.

Course Content

If you are passionate about pursuing dance and want to broaden your knowledge and understanding of this subject then studying Dance at Peter Symonds may be the right choice for you.

The study of any subject at A level can be a big jump from GCSE, before you choose this subject you should familiarise yourself with the topics you will study and the way in which they are tackled.

You will study:

- Contemporary dance techniques (plus some Ballet and Jazz)
- Choreography
- Dance analysis (focussing on Contemporary and Jazz dance)
- Dance history

Methods of Teaching

Lessons will be a combination of practical dance classes and interactive theory lessons.

You will learn repertoire from professional dance works, participate in workshops with professionals and see many live performances at theatres such as Sadler's Wells, the Royal Opera House and Pineapple Studios.

You will learn the choreographic skills needed to create your own choreography and the performance skills needed to project your ideas effectively to an audience. There will be opportunities to perform in shows including the Symonds Dance Show and we have in the past performed at the Theatre Royal, Winchester and The Royal Ballet School.



2015 A Level Dance Results

57% A* - A 87% A* - B 100% A* - D

93% of students achieved their Target Minimum Grade

57% of students achieved one grade higher than their Target Minimum Grade

Methods and Patterns of Assessment

Year 1

- Solo Choreography & Performance in a Duo/Trio - 50%
- Written Exam - 50%

(Area of study – Rambert Dance Company)

Year 2

- Group Choreography, Solo Performance & Group Performance - 50%
- Written Exam - 50%

(Set Work – Rooster by Christopher Bruce)

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Financial Implications

You will be asked to opt into trips at the start of the course and these will be subsidised. The cost of workshops will be £100 each year. The college does have a Student Support Fund for those who require financial assistance, so please do not allow financial worries to prevent you from embarking on this course.

Career Possibilities

Our former students are currently training in Dance at:

Performers

London Studio Centre

Chichester University

Northern School of Contemporary Dance

Roehampton University

Others are at university studying:

Occupational Therapy

Primary Teaching

Psychology

Geology

Students say that the skills they learn in this course are transferable to many other areas.

A Level Dance is recognised as a suitable A level by the major selecting universities.

Student Profile

Hannah Halsey

Subjects Studied alongside Dance: Dance, Philosophy, Italian & Drama (AS).



Why did you choose to study Dance at PSC? I chose Dance at PSC because I liked the look of the course and that there were lots of other good dancers doing it too.

What did you most enjoy about the course? I most enjoyed having opportunities to choreograph for myself and in groups as I hadn't had much experience beforehand and found this really useful. Also the trips we went on were all amazing!

What did you find most challenging? I actually found choreography most challenging especially to begin with! Also essay writing was a challenge because it requires a very different style of writing than I'd done before.

What are you doing next? In September 2015 I will be starting a BA(Hons) course in Theatre Dance at London Studio Centre which I'm so excited for!!

How do you think Dance has helped to prepare you for your future? I feel like dance has given me a really wide appreciation for all types of dance and has made me more open minded to new and different things. Also having had experience choreographing, I now feel more confident that I'd be able to do more of it in the future.

Minimum Entry Requirements

5 GCSEs at grade A* - C, including Maths and English.

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