DANCE

"Great dancers are not great because of their technique; they are great because of their passion."

Martha Graham

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The Ferrers Sixth Form

Why study dance?

A-level Dance is a dynamic qualification which encourages students to develop their creative and intellectual capacity, alongside transferable skills such as team working, communication and problem solving. All of these are sought after skills by higher education and employers and will help them stand out in the workplace whatever their choice of career.

This specification reflects both historical and current dance practices, making it more relevant, and inspires a lifelong passion and appreciation for dance. Students can perform and choreograph in a style of their choice for the group work, providing it meets the assessment criteria.

What will you study?

Year 12

During your first year you will gain knowledge and experience of technical and performance skills, the process and art of choreography, viewing/appreciation of dance works, professional dance works. You will also be working towards creating a solo based on a specified practitioner and working in a quartet on a specified dance style.

Year 13

You will continue to develop technique and performance skills whilst completing solo, quartet and group choreography practical units. You will also be learning the theory of a professional work, the history of Rambert Dance Company and the Independence Dance Scene.

How will you study?

The course will be a mixture of practical and theory dance lessons where you will take part in a range of different techniques and learn about different practitioners and their styles. You will have 3 practical lessons a week and 1 theory lesson.

How will you be assessed?

For your practical exam you will perform a solo, a quartet and choreograph your own group piece. For your written exam you will complete a 2 hour 30 minute written paper, and both practical and written exams are in March – June of Year 13.

What do I need to study the course?

Entry requirements: You will need an APS of 3.7, with 4s in English Language and previous dance experience at GCSE/BTEC or with an extra curricular dance school

Skills and attributes: A proven ability in dance technique. Analytical written skills.

Which subjects combine well with dance?

Drama, PE, Biology, English Literature & Language