



## **DANCE**

## **Exam Board: AQA**

**Duration** - AS Level: one year A2 Level: two years

**Independent Study Time** - At least four hours of independent study time per week (which may include rehearsals)

### **Why study A Level Dance?**

AS/A Level Dance will offer you a unique academic and practical experience here at OASP. The course will allow the student to acquire experience of choreography and performance and to engage in critical thinking about dance as an art form. There will be a mixture of practical classes and theoretical, formal lectures. Work covered in formal lectures informs and underpins the work covered in the practical classes and vice versa. This course is particularly suitable for students who have studied GCSE Dance and wish to study Dance at a higher level. The content allows students to study a subject which can be extended through higher education and promotes a healthy lifestyle through an awareness of the importance of exercise and training.

### **Entry requirements & Student Suitability**

**A\* - C in GCSE Dance and A\* - C in English.**

The new 2016 AQA AS/A2 Dance courses will be ran as standalone qualifications. The AS assessment will NOT go towards your final A2 grade.

1-9 grading system (9 being the highest)

AQA have recognised the role of dance in young people's lives and as of 2016 students will be able to study a range of dance styles.

Students can perform and choreograph in a style of their choice for the group work, providing it meets the assessment criteria.

### **Skills needed to succeed**

Students who wish to do Dance should be able to learn and memorise movement sequences very well, analyse and evaluate dance works as well as apply the practical knowledge gained to the written section of the course. There needs to be a high level of commitment and the willingness to work on an ongoing basis from an academic and chorographical perspective. The knowledge in AS will serve as a basis for progression into A Level and all students must be able to express themselves effectively in both written and practical work. The subject requires students to master all relevant theories and studies which are the crucial elements in Dance.

## What does the course consist of?

AS Dance	A-level Dance
<p><b>Component 1</b> Performance and Choreography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solo performance of own choreography</li> <li>• Duet/trio performance</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Visiting examined</p>	<p><b>Component 1</b> Performance and Choreography</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solo performance in the style of a practitioner</li> <li>• Quartet performance</li> <li>• Group choreography</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Visiting examined</p>
<p><b>Component 2</b> Critical engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Own practice</li> <li>• Compulsory area of study</li> <li>• Optional area of study</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Written exam 2 hours</p>	<p><b>Component 2</b> Critical engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Compulsory set work and corresponding area of study</li> <li>• Optional set work and corresponding area of study</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Written exam 2 hours 30 minutes</p>

### Where can this course take me?

University of Chichester, University of Kingston, University of Roehampton and University of Surrey: **Dance Ba Hons**

Dance conservatoires such as: Trinity Laban and The Place, with the chance to study abroad.