A Level Dance 2022 – 2024 Course Handbook



Expectations in A Level Dance

- 1. Your attendance to ALL lessons is COMPULSORY.
- 2. You are dressed appropriately for practical lessons. (no crop tops or short shorts)
- 3. If you do miss a lesson you **MUST** catch up on the work missed before the next lesson. If there is something you don't understand you should follow up with your teacher prior to the lesson.
- 4. All deadlines should be met both in practical and theory.
- 5. A level study is a step up from GCSE so use your teachers as a resource and ask for help if you need it.
- 6. Get involved in **ALL** lessons by asking and answering questions and participating.
- 7. Ensure your folder is kept up to date and bring it to **ALL** lessons.
- 8. Ensure any practical work is recorded before next lesson in case you need to revisit.
- 9. Please ensure you follow the sixth form rules, especially in relation to dress code and mobile phones.

Presentation of work in A Level Dance

- 1. All work should be kept in a folder just for Dance and this must be labelled.
- 2. The course handbook should be at the front of your folder.
- 3. Your tracker should be kept in the front of your folder, labelled and kept up to date. All assessed work (tests, essays etc) should also be put in this section.
- 4. Topics should be clearly labelled.
- 5. All book work should have a title and date and no doodling or graffiti on any work.

Induction Checklist

In the first week of the course, your teacher will ensure you cover the following:

- Handbook for the course
- Expectations for the presentation of work and how to organise your folders effectively
- Expectations and how to conduct yourself for lessons both practical and theory
- Course breakdown and assessments
- Homework expectations
- Textbooks and Resources Where to access & what to use
- Independent learning
- Progress log To be kept updated and record any marked work
- Study skills Improving essay writing, revision techniques.

Organising your folder

In year 12 you will need 1 big lever arch folder. This will be for both theory and practical lessons. You will also have an exercise book for theory.

You will need to divide it into the following using different coloured dividers.

Miss Smith

Theory: Independent Contemporary Dance Scene Practical: Independent Contemporary Dance Scene inspired Performance & Choreography

Miss Dunn

Theory: Rambert Dance Company (formerly Ballet Rambert) 1966-2002

Mrs Brookes

Practical: Rambert Dance Company inspired Performance & Choreography

Topic Checklist

Independent Contemporary Dance Scene:

IDCS Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui	
SLC Influences and Dance Styles	
Sutra – Sections 1-18	
IDCS Akram Khan	
Akram Khan Influences and Dance Styles	
Zero Degrees – Episode 1 – 2	
Rush Part 1	
IDCS Jasmin Vardimon	
Jasmin Vardimon Influences and Dance Styles	
7734 - Analyse sections	
Park - Analyse sections	

Rambert Dance Company

History of Rambert Pre-1966	
Origins of the Company/Martha Graham	
60s/Reformation of the company Norman Morrice	
70s/John Chesworth	
Early 80s/Robert North	
Graham Technique	
Lonely Town Lonely Street Analysis	
Death and the Maiden Analysis	
Late 80s/Richard Alston	
Wildlife Analysis	
Pulcinella/Soda Lake Analysis	
90s/Christopher Bruce	
Ghost Dances Analysis	
Hurricane Analysis	
Development of Rambert Dance Company	

Rooster

Episode 1 Little Red Rooster	
Episode 2 Lady Jane	
Episode 3 Note Fade Away	
Episode 4 As Tears Go By	
Episode 5 Paint it Black	
Episode 6 Ruby Tuesday	
Episode 7 Play with Fire	
Episode 8 Sympathy for the Devil	

Performance and Choreography:

Akram Khan Duet	
Cherkaoui Duet	
Jasmin Vardimon Duet	

North Solo	
Martha Graham Technique	
Alston Solo	
Cunningham Technique	
Christopher Bruce Piece	
Mock Choreography	
Rooster Phrases	