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At Worcester Sixth Form College students are able to gain the full Dance A Level after 2 years. There are many reasons to Dance at Worcester Sixth Form College including:

- A large dance studio equipped with mirrors and barre
- Experienced teaching with over a decade of good results achieved by students
- A Learning Resource Centre fully stocked with up to date Dance resources, including text books, study guides DVDs and specialist journals
- Trips to see live performances by professional dance companies
- Opportunities to perform in front of large audiences, both within the College and at other Worcestershire venues



COURSE CONTENT

Each week there are 4 lessons (each of 1 hour and 5 mins) which will be divided between the 3 elements of Choreography, Performance and Analysis. On average half of your lessons will be practical.

Component 1: Performance and Choreography - 50% of A Level Grade

You will be marked on your performance of a Solo (20 marks) and also your performance in a quartet (20 marks)

You will be marked on your choreography of a Group dance (40 marks).

Component 2: Exam paper - 50% of A Level Grade

You will answer questions on two set works and two areas of study. (100 marks)



PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Recommended prior experience is a GCSE in Dance or plenty of practical experience in a Youth Dance Company or through attending creative / technique classes in classical or contemporary styles.

You will have to analyse and write about your own practice and professional dance works so your GCSE English grade will give a good indication as to how you will cope with this aspect of the course.

The most important prior experience is an interest in learning about Dance, watching Dance, performing Dance and choreographing Dance.



PROGRESSION INFORMATION

There are many generic and transferable skills that you will develop whilst studying A level Dance and these will prove useful in any job.

- Creativity
- Communication
- Co-operation
- Independent Learning / managing own time
- Teamwork / working creatively in groups
- Giving and receiving feedback
- Leadership

CAREERS IN DANCE

Recent leavers have gone on to study at Laban, London Contemporary, Northern Contemporary, Laine Theatre Arts, Doreen Bird, Performers' College, Royal Academy of Dance and London Studio Centre.

Graduates have gone on to work in the following careers:

- Professional Dancer
- Professional Performing Artist
- Arts Administration
- Arts Management
- Community Arts
- Dance Teaching
- Dance Therapy
- Marketing

STUDENT FEEDBACK

"Dance at A level was one of the main reasons I went to Worcester Sixth Form College. It has been a brilliant, inspiring course that's opened my eyes to the greater world of dance. It gave me the knowledge I needed to go on to study dance at a professional level. The course has pushed me, making me stronger mentally and physically."

- Shelley Haden (*professional dancer*)

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