

Curriculum Area: Performing Arts / Dance

Exam board: AQA

Course title: GCSE Dance

Specification link: 8236

Part 1: Content covered so far in the course

Units or topics covered up until March 08 2021: NB: * indicates content covered during period of school closure	Approximate dates of coverage (mm/yyyy)	How was learning assessed for this unit or topic? Include duration of assessment.	Was the assessment carried out in controlled conditions?
Performance - set phrase	01/2020 - 02/2020	Mock practical assessment mirroring real life GCSE practical assessment for NEA	Yes
Study of 5 of the 6 set professional dance works.	03/2018 – 01/2020	Mini practical assessments and theory tasks based on exam style questions. Marked using GCSE criteria	No
*Study of 1 professional dance work	04/2020 – 06/2020	Short question and mini practical tasks.	No
Adapted solo performance Revision of set phrase Revision of theory including professional dance works.	09/2020 – 11/2020	Preparation to perform in November PPE mocks, marked using exam criteria. Theory exam was a whole paper – 1 ½ hours. Practical pieces performed in controlled conditions.	Yes
Introduction to choreography practical exam	10/2020 – 12/2020	All students established theme and intent for their choreography and short motifs created for Nov PPE mocks. Marked using GCSE criteria	Yes
*Focus on section B and section C style questions from theory paper – knowledge and structuring answers.	01/2021 – 03/2021	Weekly focus on set aspect, planning and modelling, leading to students writing their own responses during a live lesson.	No

Part 2: Mock Exam evidence

Units or topics covered in the November mock exam(s)
Component 1 – Performance set phrase / solo performance / choreography (short motifs only)
Component 2 – Theory paper including questions on performance and composition skills and appreciation of the set professional dance works.

Part 3: Content that will be assessed by 01 April 2021

NB: all subjects should complete at least one assessment by this date. If NEAs are currently being completed in subjects that contain coursework components, then work on these should cease by 01 April 2021 in line with existing long-term plans.

Units or topics that will be assessed	Number of lessons that will be allocated to preparation for this assessment	Duration of assessment
Component 1 – Set Phrase (15%)	2 100 minute lessons. Assessment lesson 3	Individual performance during lesson time.
Component 1 – Solo Performance	As above	As above