



## Helping your child through GCSE Dance



### Theoretical Assessment = 40%

Students will sit **one** external examinations for GCSE Dance:

Exam Focus	Duration	%	Date
Based on students' own practice in performance and choreography and the GCSE Dance anthology	90 minutes	40%	11 <sup>th</sup> June (pm)

**Topics** - The exam is split into the following topic areas:

	Component	What's assessed	How is it assessed?
1	Performance and choreography	Performance = <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Set phrases through a solo performance (approx.. 1 minute duration)</li> <li>- Duet/trio performance (3 minute in a dance which is a maximum of 5 minute duration)</li> </ul>	Performance - 30% of GCSE = 40 Marks
	Internally marked and externally moderated - on moderation day	Choreography = <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Solo or group choreography (Two to two and a half minutes)</li> <li>- Group dance for two to five dancers (three to three and a half minutes)</li> </ul>	
2	Dance appreciation	Knowledge and understanding of choreographic process and performance skills Critical appreciation of own work Critical appreciation of professional works	40% of GCSE Written exam - 1hr 30min 80 marks

### Moderation day

GCSE performance pieces = all day off timetable = date TBC

Final moderation date = Still to be confirmed with the exam board but this is likely to be in April - Students off timetable all day

### Contacting the department

Dance teacher: Mrs Featherstone / Mrs Bond

[dfeatherstone@brunts.evolutrust.org](mailto:dfeatherstone@brunts.evolutrust.org)

[lbond@brunts.evolutrust.org](mailto:lbond@brunts.evolutrust.org)

Head of PE: Miss Pass - [LPass@brunts.evolutrust.org](mailto:LPass@brunts.evolutrust.org)

### Resources

#### Websites:

#### Anthology for study

- [www.aqa.org.uk/dance](http://www.aqa.org.uk/dance)
- <https://www.artspool-e-learning.com/artspool/>

### Practical Assessment = 60%

Students will complete a filmed moderation in **April** whereby they will be assessed on their choreography

How to prepare for practical assessments:

- Students must be actively involved in all lessons.
- Students must attend after school interventions to allow them to perform with other in group dances or as a solo
- Video footage **will be done live on the day**. Students should ensure they are fully prepared for the dance and come wearing appropriate dance attire.
- Students will be given one on one sessions with teaching staff to ensure they are supported with choreographies

### Revision Strategies

*'Little and often = small gains = greater progress'*

- Spider diagrams and mind maps
- Flash cards
- Posters
- Question/key term grids
- Past exam papers

### Intervention/rehearsal Sessions

After school use of the dance studio each evening

Monday 3-4pm - Choreography workshops