

# WHY CHOOSE GCSE Dance?



The WJEC GCSE Dance qualification will support you to:

- build physical, technical, and expressive skills to develop performance and to show choreographic intent
- create and refine original choreography using a variety of stimuli
- learn about different dance styles, techniques, and ways of presenting dance to an audience to communicate meaning
- reflect on and evaluate your own and others' work, considering context and technique

## WHAT WILL I STUDY?

The GCSE Dance qualification will allow you to explore and respond to stimuli, create, and reflect on your own work, develop your own creativity and engage with many different styles of dance. You will observe and interpret professional dance works and build on your understanding and application of technical and expressive skills in performance.

## HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

### Unit 1 – Choreography

Practical non-exam assessment  
40% of qualification: 96 marks

**One** choreographed piece in response to a chosen stimulus, from a given selection. You will create either a solo dance or dance for a group of two to five dancers.

### Unit 2 – Performance

Practical non-exam assessment  
30% of qualification: 72 marks

You will perform **two** pieces of repertoire from different styles/genres of your choice. One performance must be a solo, the second performance can be a solo or a group performance of between two and five dancers.

### Unit 3 – Dance Appreciation

Assessment Type: Digital exam (1 hour 45 mins)  
30% of qualification: 72 marks

The exam is broken into four sections and will ask questions on:

- the compulsory set dance work
- the longer set dance work (from a choice)
- the shorter set dance work (from a choice)
- an excerpt of a professional dance work that you will be able to watch in the exam.

## WHAT SKILLS WILL I DEVELOP?

**Exploratory Skills:** you will have the opportunity to explore, experience and interpret many different styles and genres of dance linked to different cultures in Wales and the world. You will be able to build on these ideas and experiences to create and develop your own technical, creative and choreographic skills and to underpin your own expressive skills in performance.

**Creative Skills:** in Unit 1, you will choreograph your own original dance work in response to a stimulus and in a style/genre of your choice.

**Evaluation Skills:** you will be able to recount, evaluate and refine your choreographic and performance work through self-reflection and feedback from others. You will also be able to evaluate and analyse the work of others to inform your own creativity and appreciation of dance.

**Practical Dance Skills:** in Unit 2 you will develop your dance skills such as technical and expressive skills, through rehearsal and final performances of two pieces of repertoire.

**Analytical Skills:** you will enjoy watching and interpreting professional dance works gaining an understanding of the artistic, cultural, emotional, and technical elements.

## CAREERS IN DANCE

This qualification provides an excellent foundation for the study of Dance at A-level and Level 3. It will also provide a satisfying and worthwhile course of study for you if you choose not to study further.

Importantly, studying Dance will develop many transferable skills including communication, presentation skills, team working, leadership, focus, refinement, creativity, and self-confidence. The career options that come from studying Dance are extensive, but here are a few of those options:

Professional Dancer, Choreographer, Dance Captain, Rehearsal Director, Dance Teacher, Dance Lecturer, Workshop Leader, Dance Movement Therapist, Sports Therapist, Dance Fitness Instructor, Yoga Instructor, Stage Manager, Physiotherapist, Dance Critic, Dance Journalist, Content Creator, Video Editor, Producer, Learning and Participation Lead.

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