

AQA Dance GCSE Course starting September 2024

This two-year course is suitable for students who will be in Year 9 or 10 in September 2024 (13 years+)

When: THURSDAY 6.30pm-8.30pm

Where: The Marist School, Sunninghill

The AQA Dance GCSE course seeks to promote knowledge, skill and understanding of dance through composition, performance and appreciation of the student's own work and that of others, including peers and professionals. Each student will experience a range of dance styles, while being allowed to develop his or her own technical and expressive skills. The Dance GCSE course will provide students with a rich source of ideas for creating dances and allow them to explore the relationship between content and form in the expression of a dance idea.



As well as developing their established technique and extending it to encompass numerous dance genres,



the students will learn how to work as a team through the variety of choreographic tasks they undertake and gain an excellent understanding of performance through the appreciation of their own and professional works. The course is divided into two components: Performance & Choreography (60%) and Dance Appreciation (40%). The course is spread over 2 years (6 Terms) and is available to students aged 13 years+. A minimum of 7 students will be required for the course to run. Students do not have to currently attend classes at NVSDD.

Students come from a number of different academic schools in the area including The Marist School, Charters, LVS, St George's Ascot, Wellington College, St Mary's Ascot, Heathfield Ascot, Salesian College, Ranelagh, Brackenhale, Farnborough Hill, St George's Weybridge, Tomlinscote, Luckley House, Windsor Girls School, Garth Hill, Gordon's School, Sylvia Young Theatre School, The Magna Carta, Salesian School, Waingels College and Edgebarrow.

If you enjoy dance, have plenty of energy and discipline and would like to develop the range of your dance skills, then the GCSE course is ideal for you.

(Previous dance experience is necessary. Students must attend a regular weekly "technique" class.)

RESULTS: Since 2005, 195 students have taken the AQA GCSE Dance Examination at NVSDD with 100% Pass Rate. Over 98% of NVSDD students have achieved A*/B and 93% have taken their GCSE examination a year early, in Year 10. In 2020, 100% of our students achieved a Grade 8/6 (A*/B) – all the girls took the exam in Year 10. In 2021 our amazing students achieved Grades 9/5 after 27 weeks online, during Lockdowns. In 2022 our Year 10 students achieved 100% Pass rate (A/B grades) and 54% of the girls were awarded an A* (Grades 9/8). Last Summer, in 2023, our students once again achieved 100% Pass Rate with 60% gaining an A*/A Grade.

WORKSHOPS: In recent years NVSDD Dance GCSE students have enjoyed Masterclass Workshops with companies and professionals including The Royal Ballet, Kimberly Wyatt, Rebecca Davies, StopGap Dance Co, Rambert Dance Co, Boy Blue Entertainment, Luke Brown Dance Co, James Cousins Co, The Professional Dance Experience, Christopher Tendai and Arts Pool.

Fees for 2024-2026 = £348 per 10 week term (or pro rata.) Extras - £50 Deposit (Refunded April 2026), Exam Fee, Theatre Trips, Online Revision Courses, Additional Masterclasses

To register for the 2024 Dance GCSE Course please complete the GCSE Join Us Form Limited places available, on a first-come basis.