

A Level Dance

Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

A level Dance at Cronton will provide you with a rich and diverse experience of dance through a process of creative exploration and investigation.

The practical marks awarded in A Level Dance at Cronton Sixth Form are consistently amongst the highest nationally with many learners achieving maximum marks for their practical exams. Cronton has excellent facilities including a fully mirrored dance studio with sprung floor and versatile performance spaces suitable for public events allowing you to showcase your own dance work. You will have the opportunity to attend local, national and international trips including visits to Europe and New York.

What will I study?

A Level Dance encourages creativity, imagination and the analysis of your own work and the work of professional dancers and choreographers. You will study performance skills, choreography, contemporary dance technique and performance analysis. You will participate in practical sessions aimed at developing your own ability as a dancer in preparation for performance, regular choreographic workshops and theory-based lessons to develop your understanding of dance and appreciate the integration of theory and practice.

How will I be assessed?

Component 1: Performance & Choreography (Practical Exam 50%)
Component 2: Critical Engagement (Written Exam 50%)



Entry Requirements

A minimum of 3 x Grade 5's and 2 x Grade 4's at GCSE including a Grade 5 in English Language, a Grade 5 in Maths and a Grade 5 in another written subject. You must also successfully pass an audition. This will be arranged after your admissions interview.

Please note:
all of our A Level subjects must be studied as part of a full time A Level programme. You will choose 3 A level subjects to study over two years.

A Centre of Excellence

Students studying Performing Arts will become part of our Centre of Excellence. As such, they will be taught by some of the best teaching staff in the country and benefit from a wide range of extra-curricular activities to support their onward applications to the country's most prestigious institutions.

Students will develop their talents and professional skills by enjoying our wide range of experiences including; international trips, being part of industry standard performances, performing at professional venues, high profile patrons and professional links, free music tuition and nationally recognised Bronze, Silver and Gold Arts Awards.

Performing Arts

- The opportunity to perform in industry standard productions
- Perform at professional venues across the country
- Exclusive links with dance conservatoires and performance institutes



Can I study this course if I have not taken it at GCSE?

Yes but it is expected that you will have had significant dance experience at a dance school.

Enrichment Opportunities

Creative workshops with professional dance artists and a variety of theatre trips and visits aimed at developing your awareness of a variety of dance forms (recent trips have included New York, Amsterdam and Paris).

What can this course lead on to?

A Level Dance can lead onto studying higher level dance at a conservatoire or university.

Any additional costs?

There will be trips as part of the course and all students will be asked to purchase an 'A Level dance Hoodie' for £20.

Results 2021

A* - A: 40%
A* - B: 80%
A* - C: 100%

Results 2020

A*: 11%
A* - A: 44%
A* - B: 78%
A* - C: 100%

Results 2019

A* - A: 33%
A* - B: 67%
A* - C: 100%

What have previous students said about this subject?

"I was really made to feel comfortable, as it feels like we are all part of a community. The course itself is lively, encouraging and safe"

Ofsted Outstanding 2020

"Relationships between learners, apprentices and their teachers and assessors are excellent"

"Learners and apprentices develop their confidence, resilience and strong independence skills"



Cronton Playhouse

The Cronton Playhouse is a brand new 320 seat theatre with orchestra pit. The theatre is home to the very latest technology and an advanced technical booth offering new spectacular effects and high impact sound to further enhance the Centre of Excellence performances to industry standard.