

Level 3 UAL Extended Diploma

The Professional Dance Programme

Why study this course at Cronton Sixth Form?

This unique and intensive practical course has been developed for both creative and technical dancers who hold the relevant performance skills for today's dance industry, leading to training at a university, conservatoire or vocational dance schools.

Dancers studying on The Professional Dance Programme will have many opportunities throughout the two years to create and perform at a number of dance venues. You will take part in 3 large scale dance productions that are housed either in our own Cronton Playhouse or external venues such as The Brindley.

Taught by highly qualified industry professionals who have worked and toured nationally and internationally, The PDP is aimed at motivated and committed dance students who wish to pursue a career within the dance industry, such as performing, choreographing or teaching.

What will I study?

Dancers will participate in both practical and coursework assessments with an emphasis on performance, choreography and dance analysis. On the course, dancers will explore a range of dance styles including Jazz, Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary and commercial. You will focus on 5 projects throughout each year which will build your skills in solo and group choreography, performing to an audience and professional practice.

How will I be assessed?

All of the assessments are marked either on coursework or your practical performances that we do throughout the two years. There are no written exams involved, however you will have practical assessment days.

Entry Requirements

A minimum of 5 GCSEs at Grade 9 – 4 including English Language including a minimum of a Grade 4 in English Language and a Grade 3 in Maths. Students are also required to take part in a two-stage audition process to establish their suitability for the course. This will be arranged following your initial admissions interview.

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

- 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?

We do not specify that you need to have studied GCSE dance, however we ask that you have done dance before, either as part of a dance school or youth group.

Enrichment Opportunities

- Prestigious Universities Programme
- Prestigious Studies programme
- Centre Of Excellence

What can this course lead on to?

On completion of the course dancers will be able to apply to university, a conservatoire or vocational dance school to study for a dance related degree. In recent years our dancers have gained places at Bird College, Urdang, Laine, Shockout, LIPA, Italia Conti, Liverpool Theatre School as well as a vast selection of Universities across the UK.

Any additional costs?

Upon enrolment you will need to purchase our uniform list and dance resources, however this is not a huge cost and is essential to your development.

What have previous students said about this course?

"My favourite part of this course is the Dance Studio as this is where I spend most of my time. The lights, sounds and the floor really do help with your performance. It's such a fun, exciting and unforgettable course."

Scholarships

Talented performing arts students can also apply for our scholarships, worth up to £2000 each.

Meet the Students

Name:
Daisy Struthers

Previously from:
Bridgewater High School

Destination:
The Arden School of Theatre to study Dance and Performance

Course:
Professional Dance Programme



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.