



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science with Mathematics School



GCSE Dance

At Carleton Community High School we follow the AQA GCSE Dance course. The course is split into four areas; two are examined externally and are both worth 20% of the final grade. Two are assessed internally with an external moderation of the grades, (Performance in a Group and Choreography).

Unit code	%	Assessment Method	Time of Assessment
42301 – Critical Appreciation of dance	20	External written exam	June Yr11
42302 – Set Dance	20	External practical exam. Pupils are filmed performing a 1minute solo	Filming to take place no later than Feb Yr10
42303 – Performance in a group	20	Controlled Assessment. Performing with other for 3.5 mins	April Yr10
42304 – Choreography 1) Solo Composition 2) Choreography	15% 25%	Controlled Assessment.	November Yr11 March Yr11

How can I achieve success in GCSE Dance?

Attend all lessons and rehearsals, this may include lunch-time and after school sessions and arranging a rehearsal schedule with others. If you miss a session, it is your responsibility to make sure you catch up with any work missed, including notes, new choreography, etc. Keep your exercise book safe and up-to-date: This will be an essential revision reference in Yr11, as well as throughout the duration of the course. Make sure you meet all deadlines!!!

Correct and appropriate kit is essential, including showing how you as an individual can demonstrate awareness of safe studio practice. Bring water to practical lessons and use layers when the weather gets colder, make sure you eat well, (refer to the 'Eat Well Plate': <http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/Goodfood/Pages/eatwell-plate.aspx>). Show a high degree of commitment, focus, determination and **resilience** in each and every lesson, but set yourself realistic goals and always ask if you need help or are unsure.

There are lots of useful resources on the AQA GCSE Dance website, including examples of past papers, as well as videos to learn the set study, 'Impulse'. Also refer to the school's website, under Performing Arts, GCSE dance, as there is also useful information and links to the professional works studied for Unit 1: 'Critical Appreciation of Dance'.

An excellent and highly recommended revision guide is available from Amazon entitled 'AQA GCSE Dance: Student's Book', by [Maggie Clunie](#), [Liz Dale](#), [Lyn Paine](#).

http://www.amazon.co.uk/AQA-GCSE-Dance-Students-Book/dp/1408504197/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1379854534&sr=8-1&keywords=aqa+gcse+dANCE

For further information, please see Miss Grainger.