



A Level Dance

Performance and Choreography (50%) Practical Element

Three assessment tasks:

- 1) Solo performance linked to a specific practitioner within an area of study (20 marks)**
The solo performance should be between 2-3 minutes and accompanied by Programme Notes.
- 2) Performance in a quartet (20 marks)**
The group performance should be between 4-5 minutes and accompanied by Programme Notes.
- 3) Group choreography (40 marks)**
Students will have a choice of 3 questions. They will use their chosen question to inform the creation of their group choreography.

Critical Engagement (50%) Written Examination (2½ Hrs)

There are two parts to the question paper:

- 1) Section A:** short answer questions (25 marks) and one essay question (25 marks) on the compulsory set work/area of study
- 2) Section B:** two essay questions on the second set work/area of study (25 marks for each essay)

Areas of Study

Students will study **two** areas of study;

- Compulsory** (chosen by the exam board) - The development of **Rambert Dance Company from 1966-2002** in partnership with the analysis of the set work 'Rooster', choreographed by **Christopher Bruce**.
- Optional** (chosen by the department from a range of optional units) – The development of the **Independent Contemporary Dance Scene** in partnership with the analysis of the set work 'Sutra', choreographed by **Sidi Larbi Cherkaoui**.



How will A Level Dance prepare students for life beyond SDCC?

- A Level Dance encourages students to reflect on feedback from a variety of sources in order to reach their full potential.
- The course requires students to discuss their learning in depth, question their understanding and make revisions to their work in order to see continued progress.
- Students are encouraged to get stuck, use their growth mind-sets to overcome frustrations and to really place themselves at the centre of their learning.
- Students have to work in a collaborative environment both in the studio and the classroom. They must overcome frustrations, challenge their peers and step outside of their comfort zones.

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