

27 November 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

GCSE Dance Compulsory Dates:

In this letter I wanted to give you all the relevant information and dates for your daughter's GCSE Dance course: dates for practical exams, shows and upcoming trips.

As Dance is a practical course, with 60% of the final mark taken from the practical performances, it is crucial that students rehearse independently during lunch and break times. The dance studio has now been freed from detentions; it is only there for Dance students to be used in preparation for exams and shows.

Please discuss this at home and check if your daughter is doing regular rehearsals (once a week minimum!)

I will also talk to students regarding exam dates and filming: if a student can't do an exam date because of illness or because they are not prepared enough, I can only offer a catch-up filming on a Friday after school. Please make sure that your daughter has the dates printed out and they know exactly when each exam is (on this letter but also on Arbor!)

- 1) Exam filming dates:
 - 17/12/24 Solo Performance 1 (Breathe)
 - 11/02/25 Solo Performance 2 (Flux)
 - 25/02/25 Trio Performance
 - 25/03/25 Choreography
- 2) Show dates:
 - 27/03/25 Choreography show case evening (MRC theatre)
- 3) Trips and workshops:
 - 13/12/24 NYDC workshop from Sadler's Wells
 - Trip to Sadler's Wells to watch a professional Dance show (date TBC)

Thank you for your ongoing support at home and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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