

25th September 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: GCSE Dance lessons and uniform expectations

I am delighted that your child has chosen to study Dance as part of their options for GCSE. As I am sure you are aware, dance enables our students to develop performance skills and discipline, as well as developing their ability in physical interaction, team working, problem solving, observing, evaluating, verbal and non-verbal communication. This course is designed for students wanting to develop practical and theoretical dance skills in a variety of contexts. Dance students will be expected to study dance technique, choreography, practical performance and to engage in critical thinking about dance. Students will also be expected to develop as a solo performer as well as work in groups on a regular basis.

Students who have opted for Dance should: show an enthusiasm to learn; be successful in co-operating within a variety of groups; be independent learners; be open minded to new and different styles of dance and choreography; be keen to appreciate professional dance and performances; be able to reflect on their own work and the work of others including professional dance performances; and be reliable with their attendance to lessons.

Committing to the Dance course will entail students to bring in their dance kit on specified lessons. This will be scheduled with students with their class teacher for each year. In order to create a safe working environment, dance students will wear a specified dance kit during practical lessons as set out in our [uniform guidelines](#).

Other Important Guidelines:

- Jewellery must be removed for all Dance lessons to ensure student safety.
- Please label all items clearly to avoid loss throughout the year.
- Students are encouraged to bring roll-on deodorant for personal hygiene (no sprays including spray perfumes).
- A water bottle is highly recommended for all Dance sessions.



Dance Uniform Expectations:

- 'Dance kit marks' will be recorded if a student arrives without the correct kit or with incorrect items.
- A 60-minute detention will be issued on each occasion that a student does not bring the correct Dance kit. In cases of repeated instances, we will follow up with supportive communication to discuss appropriate actions and provide additional support.
- To support students, Dance kit can be borrowed from Mrs Salvidge at student reception at the start of the day in exchange for a mobile phone, headphones or items of value. This option is strongly encouraged to ensure students can fully participate within all lessons.

If you have any questions about GCSE Dance lessons and/or dance uniform and would like to speak about anything in this letter please do not hesitate to contact me. lwebb@magna-aspirations.org

Yours sincerely,



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