



GCSE Dance: Start of Year 10 Information

AQA GCSE Dance (Course Code: 8236)

Welcome to Dulwich College Singapore and we hope you are looking forward to starting or continuing your GCSE Dance journey with us. Please use the information on this page to help you feel ready and confident for this course. We look forward to you joining our class soon.

Areas covered during Year 9

Safe Working Practices in Dance:

- Appropriate Dancewear
- Safety in the Dance Studio
- Importance of Warm up and Cool Down
- Hydration and Nutrition
- Safety while dancing including landing and dancing with others (lifts and contact work)

Performance:

- Set Phrase 'Breathe'
- Performance Skills and Attributes – Physical Skills and Technical Skills in Contemporary dance

Professional Work 1 & 2:

- Main Facts (choreographer, dancers, stimulus, choreographic intention and approaches)
- Choreographic Content including movement, structuring and choreographic devices
- Lighting
- Costume
- Physical Setting (stage/performance environment and set)
- Aural Setting (music and sound)

Work to complete before you arrive (optional)

Read the [AQA GCSE Dance specification](#) to make sure you have a good understanding of what the course entails including the various components and assessments required.

Rehearse the Set Phrase 'Breathe' using the [video links and notes on the AQA website](#).

Contact aileen.morrison@dulwich.org or daisy.moorcrfot@dulwich.org who can send you some resources so you can explore the professional works that have already been studied by the class. We shall also send you some question booklets with the answer booklet to help you test and check your knowledge and understanding so far.

Revise the [AQA GCSE Dance Glossary](#) to help you with definitions of the specific dance vocabulary we shall be using throughout the year.

Additional resources

This [YouTube channel](#) has some excellent videos for the AQA GCSE Dance course.