



The Dance Faculty

Dance is an outstanding, strong and flourishing subject at Sandringham and has the resources, staff and students to support it as an important area within the school and local community.

Staff

The faculty staffing comprises of two full time teachers and a part time Faculty PA. The faculty also liaises closely with the SandPit Theatre Manager and Technical team.

Students

Dance holds an important place in the academic curriculum. Students study dance for one hour each week at Key Stage 3 with the option for two additional modules in early entry GCSE Year 9. In Years 10 and 11 we offer GCSE Dance and at Key Stage 5, offer A-level Dance. Our students are talented, lively, committed and enthusiastic about dance studies and our results are outstanding.

Resources

We are very fortunate to have the 268-seat SandPit Theatre which is an inspiring space; we use this for A-Level and GCSE exams and performance evenings, as well as our annual dance show 'Velocity', summer dance show and whole school productions. We currently have two dance studios, both of which with a fully functioning IWB, sound system, mirrors, bars and fully sprung floor and dedicated dance office.

Curriculum

At Key Stage 3, students are introduced to a wide range of dance skills and engaging and stimulating stimuli to develop their creativity and performance skills. Schemes of learning are detailed and well planned with clearly established learning outcomes for each lesson to clearly progress student learning. At GCSE and A-Level the AQA courses in dance develops students' understanding of practitioners, response to choreographic stimuli, understanding and appreciation in theory and performance skills.

Extra-Curricular

The Dance Faculty at Sandringham School is renowned for creating technically challenging and high quality productions. Each year the Arts team join to produce one large scale production: the Whole School Musical. Our high energy whole school collaborations successfully see the drama, music and dance faculties unite in producing very ambitious productions. The Dance Faculty also produces two dance showcases a year; 'Velocity', which takes place in February each year and involves over 200 students, from Year 7 to Year 13, as well as others from the wider community, and the Summer Dance Showcase, which celebrates extra-curricular work, exam pieces and house choreography winners.

We also have two dance companies 'SYCD' and 'Tuxedo', which allow our gifted and talented students the opportunity to showcase and develop their technical ability. We also invite students from community schools to audition for the chance to be a member of the company. We also have a Key Stage 3 Contemporary company, 'TripleEdge', which students in can audition to be a part of, to develop their technique and performance skills. Other clubs involve; boys dance club, Key Stage 4/5 Dance club, Year 7 and 8 contemporary club and 'Striding Out', which is our biggest club with over 50 students involved. We aim to create repertoire that engages, stimulates and showcases creativity and provides the students with a range of opportunities to enjoy taking part in dance.

We also offer a range of extended learning programmes which include inviting touring productions to our school, organising a number of varying trips, for all year groups and inviting dance specialist practitioners in to the school on a week's residency to inspire and develop student's passion and understanding of different dance styles. We also offer the opportunity for students to take part in external performances throughout the year, as well as a biannual trip to New York City.