

6<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**GCSE Dance Immersion Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**IGNITE PERFORMANCE Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**GCSE Dance Examinations**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

We are writing to inform you of the arrangements for your daughter's GCSE Dance Examinations.

We have an immersion day on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April** which will provide students with the final opportunity to rehearse and prepare for their examinations later in the week. The day will be divided into sessions to ensure that students have the chance to work on each of the three dances they need to perform.

The timetable for the examination days is as follows:

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
8.00 am	Arrive at school
8.05am - 9.00am	Warm up
9.00am – 11.00am	Final rehearsals
11.00am - 11.45am	Break
11.45am – 12.30pm	Prepare for examination
12.30pm – 4pm	Examination

<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
8.15am	Arrive at school
9.00am - 9.30am	Warm up
9.30am - 11.00am	Examination
11.00am - 11.20am	Break
11.20am - 1.20pm	Examination
1.20pm – 1.50pm	Lunch
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Examination

It is vital that your daughter is present for both dates and failure to do so will have a negative impact on her final GCSE Grade.

To ensure that your daughter is fully prepared for her practical examination the following programme has been put in place:

- Breakfast sessions
- Lunch time sessions
- After school sessions
- Ignite! show (compulsory Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017)

To ensure that the students perform to their full potential during their examination we request that they perform at least one dance in Ignite! Show. We look forward to seeing you at this event as you support your daughter in preparation for her exam.

We have also enclosed a checklist so that you can ensure your daughter is fully prepared for examination days.

We will send out another letter with details of the Ignite! performance.

If you would like to discuss any matters regarding the Dance exam please email myself [kwhitcomb@suttonmail.org](mailto:kwhitcomb@suttonmail.org), Miss Bevan [lbevan@suttonmail.org](mailto:lbevan@suttonmail.org) or Miss Johnson [kjohnson90@suttonmail.org](mailto:kjohnson90@suttonmail.org)

Thank you for your continuing support for the Dance department.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs K Whitcomb**  
**Dance and PE Department**



**Miss L Bevan**



**Miss K Johnson**

**Reply slip: Please return to Mrs Whitcomb by  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**GCSE Dance Examination**

**Practical Examination Programme**

Student's Name: ..... Tutor Group: .....

Please tick the following boxes

- I understand that my daughter will be performing in Ignite on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April in order to prepare for her examination.
- I understand that Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April is a day to prepare for the examination and my daughter must attend this day.
- I acknowledge that on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> April are the dates of my daughters practical dance examination and my daughter must attend these dates
- I acknowledge that on the 24<sup>th</sup> April my daughter will be expected to remain in school until 4pm for the examination.

Emergency Contact number in case we need to discuss your daughter's attendance at the sessions:

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Signed: ..... (Parent/Carer) Date: .....

Print Name: .....

## GCSE DANCE EXAM CHECKLIST

### **Dances –**

- Performance in a group (Rosas)
- Solo dance based on Swansong
- Your own choreography

If you have dancers from other classes you must tell them the date of your exam and they must arrive at the same time as you are required to

### **Music – this must be given in prior to the exam**

- Music must be on CD, cut to the correct length and tracks mixed together where appropriate
- Music for Swansong
- Music for your own choreography

### **Clothing**

- GCSE Dance t shirt or a plain t shirt – please do not wear tops that are inappropriate
- Black trousers. Please ensure leggings are of a good quality. No jogging bottoms
- Bare feet
- Hair in a pony tail or tied off the face in an appropriate way. Fringes need to be secured with hair pins. Short hair will require an alic band or similar head band
- A leotard if you have one, we will try to provide you with one

### **Conduct**

To ensure that the examination runs smoothly you will need to:

- Arrive on time
- Stay in the designated area at all times
- Use rehearsal time effectively

### **Food and Drink**

- Please bring sufficient and appropriate food and drink with you
- Students will not have the opportunity to leave the exam to get food