



Course Outline

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SUMMARY

Introduction

As a direct result of the schools success within dance, Bannerman High School welcomes a specialist Dance Academy within its curriculum. For 7 years Bannerman has been developing a curriculum for dance and have successfully built a passion and enthusiasm within the pupils for the subject. The success of the subject has seen over 120 pupils attending extra curricular dance classes every week throughout the year. This is the largest uptake of dancers within extra curricular dance across the city. The subject within the curriculum has increased participation rates for girls and developed their confidence and raised self-esteem allowing them to express themselves creatively whilst developing performance skills. It has also attracted many boys who were otherwise disengaged by games and the competitive nature of physical education. The expertise of the staff at Bannerman help to provide engaging and enthusing dance lessons which allow pupils to develop strong technique and excellent performance skills.

Building upon the success throughout the year the pupils perform annually in the 'Just Dance' show held at the Mitchell Theatre. This is an opportunity for the pupils to showcase their work from the year in front of an audience of friends, family and guests. The show has over 100 pupils performing each year and every year the pupil's technique and performance skills continue to exceed expectations. Other performance opportunities include Go Dance at The Theatre Royal.

Objective

To give pupils the opportunity to specialise in dance within their school curriculum and use it as the medium to develop confident individuals who will be well equipped to go on to further education within dance. The academy will be 'A Curriculum for Excellence' in action, promoting Health and Wellbeing, developing the four capacities and raising attainment and achievement across the curriculum.

Goals

Pupils will build strong technique in a wide range of dance styles through their participation in both Scottish qualifications and Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) qualifications. They will achieve National 5, Higher and Higher National Certificate (HNC) in Professional Dance Performance by the end of their academy curriculum providing them with the skills to progress to further education or employment within the dance industry.

Project Outline

The academy will essentially be a 6 year programme with entry through audition in primary 7. A total of 20-25 pupils will be selected. The students would be required to complete assessments at the end of S2 and S4 to progress on to the next phase within the academy to maintain high standards and motivation levels amongst the students. The curricular model will look as follows;

S1

- Pupils will receive 3 periods of dance per week. The dance classes will explore movement, choreography, jazz and contemporary dance techniques. Dance will replace physical education in this year.
 - Pupils will attend two after school dance sessions throughout the year one classical ballet class and one commercial/jazz class
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- Pupils will receive 4 workshop days from guest choreographers throughout the year. Supplementary payment of £40 at the start of the year.

S2

- Pupils will receive 3 periods of dance per week continuing with the techniques from s1.
- Pupils will continue to attend two after school dance sessions in ballet and commercial/ jazz
- Pupils will receive 4 workshop days from guest choreographers throughout the year. Supplementary payment of £40 at the start of the year.
- By the end of S2 some if not all pupils will achieve the National 5 Qualification in dance & RAD Grade 3 Ballet



S3/4

- Pupils will select 7 national qualifications to study with their last column devoted to a 2 year higher qualification in dance
- Pupils will achieve Dance Leadership level 1 Qualification giving them the skills to lead and deliver dance sessions in a wide range of dance styles
- Two after school dance sessions including one classical ballet, one jazz/commercial/street class
- Pupils will receive 4 workshop days from guest choreographers throughout the year. Supplementary payment of £40 at the start of the year.
- By the end of S4 all pupils will achieve a Higher Qualification in Dance and RAD Grade 4 or 5 Ballet



S5/6

- During the senior phase pupils will complete a HNC in Professional Dance Performance
 - Pupils will achieve Dance Leadership Level 2 Qualification
 - Pupils will continue to attend 2 after school dance sessions in a range of dance styles
 - Pupils will receive 4 workshop days from guest choreographers throughout the year. Supplementary payment of £40 at the start of the year.
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- Pupils will achieve HNC by the end of S6
 - Pupils will also complete Royal Academy of Dance Examinations throughout these remaining two years

All academy pupils will be involved in the annual 'Just Dance' showcase and compete in annual competitions as part of their training developing Confident Individuals, Successful Learners, Effective Contributors and Responsible Citizens.

Partnerships

West College Scotland



As part of the academy we are very keen to have a direct link with a college that will support the development of the students and be directly involved in the delivery of the senior phase programme. Once the students reach s5 they will complete a two year HNC. The college would then provide a direct pathway for the academy students to continue developing their skills for those who choose to pursue a career in dance. We have decided to work with West College Scotland and staff from West College will be involved in the academy through from s1 to s6 and have agreed to provide staff for the shared delivery of the HNC programme. Their involvement prior to the senior phase will include;

- The audition process
- HNC/D college students & staff delivering specialist technique workshops
- Sharing good practice
- Internal verification
- Development of content within the curricular programme.

Facilities

We have worked hard over the years to fundraise and develop our current facilities to provide an ideal working environment for the delivery of dance. We now have a dance studio with mirrors, ballet barre, surround sound and harlequin flooring. This gives us a perfect studio space to deliver high quality teaching and learning for the dance academy students.



