

Kirkby High School

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Dear Parent/Carer.

Your child is now over halfway through their GCSE Dance course, and I would like to update you on elements of the course that affect their progress directly.

A key requirement to choosing GCSE Dance as an option in Year 10 and 11 is the ability to be prepared as a dancer to safely take part in every practical lesson. To safely participate your child needs to bring the correct dance kit to **every** dance lesson. The GCSE Dance kit includes dance t shirt with KHS badge, dance hoodie with KHS badge (optional), plain black leggings (all of which can be purchased from Kids Kirkby). If your child has lost their kit, please ensure they bring in a plain black top and leggings as an alternative. Each lesson the safety requirements are for bare feet or dance shoes (ballet/jazz shoes) for lessons to progress as stipulated by the AQA Exam board and as an important safety element of dance.

For high quality learning to happen every lesson, we expect 100% participation unless there is a medical exception when a note will need to be provided. At the start of Year 11 (October 2023) your child's first official practical GCSE Dance exam will begin (Breathe, Scoop and Duet/Trio) so every lesson counts towards your child gaining the very best marks they can within these examination days. This will be the first 30% practical of their course.

I hope your child is enjoying their GCSE Dance option and we look forward to continuing our high-quality lessons along with high expectations for the remainder of the course.

Any queries please contact us directly at Kirkby High School.

Kind Regards,

Miss Hamer and Miss Cowley

GCSE Dance Teachers.

