

Performing Arts (Dance)

About the course

The BTEC Level 3 Diploma in Dance is a two year vocational course that aims to develop knowledge and understanding of dance through practical exploration and professional practice. This allows you to develop your skill in performance, choreography and appreciation of dance. The course explores different genres of dance in order to provide a holistic and thorough training. Genres studied include contemporary, ballet, jazz and urban dance styles. The course is comprised of practical and written work and during it you will take part in a range of public performances, attend live productions and work with dance professionals in a variety of settings. You will be expected to take part in extra rehearsals and workshops that will take place after college in order to prepare you for public performance. As part of the BTEC programme of study past students have engaged with dance events and performances including: [Matilda](#) - St Mary's Dance Festival, Floral Pavilion 2016, St Mary's Summer Arts and Fashion Spectacular (pictured). [London Theatre and Pineapple Dance Studio](#) overnight residential. [Workshops](#) led by members of English National Ballet, Northern School of Contemporary Dance and LIPA Numerous theatre visits

Six mandatory units and two optional units will be explored over the two years, in the areas of:

- Investigating practitioners' work
- Group performance workshop
- Individual performance commission
- Developing skills and techniques for live performance
- Performing Arts in the community
- Contemporary dance technique
- Jazz dance technique
- Final live performance to an audience



Dance is the hidden language of the soul

***Martha Graham
(influential modern dancer and choreographer)***

How it will be assessed

Assessment is largely practical and takes the form of performance in full scale productions, participation in class, video diaries, photographic and video evidence of rehearsal and log books.

What it prepares you for

After completing the dance course, past students have furthered their studies in dance, often completing a three year degree programme at universities such as LIPA, Liverpool John Moore's and Leeds Beckett. Former students are currently working in the dance industry in leading shows across Europe and the Middle East; others are working within the community delivering dance workshops and classes across Merseyside.

