

DANCE DEPARTMENT

TOP TIPS

for becoming a successful Post 16 DANCE student



1 Dance everyday, reviewing and refining your practice.

2 Explore the Threshold Concepts for Dance.

3 Watch Youtube videos particularly focussed on your set works.

4 Read critical essays about the history and development of dance, many of which can be found online and some in the library. Summarise each on a file card.

5 Set yourself challenging choreography tasks that extend your practice and push you outside your comfort zone.

6 Go to live performances regularly. They don't have to be exclusively about A level dance. Think critically about what you hear and see. Write a short review of what you have seen. Read dance reviews in the broadsheet newspapers or online. Highlight key vocabulary.

7 Be a part of an extra-curricular dance company, to further your own dance practice.

8 Explore dance books in the school library and in the department. Ask your teachers for recommended reading.

9 Spend time in a dance studio, crafting and improving your solo and choreography work.

10 Learn how to edit your own music for your work. Ask for help if you need it.

11 Review and refine the evidence you have presented in books. Hone your analytical skills and be practice writing fluently and accurately about dance. Craft your work.