

# LEVEL 2 CONTEMPORARY & COMMERCIAL DANCE

Subject Area

Student Type

Study Mode

Performing &  
Production Arts

Students aged 16-18

Full Time

## What is the course about?

If you love the spotlight and dream of seeing your name in lights, then contemporary and commercial dance could be the perfect course for you! This imaginative and expressive course will nurture your creativity, enhance your performance skills, and teach you about a whole host of performance genres, preparing you to move on to the Level 3 Contemporary & Commercial Dance qualification. You will be able to put your talents to the test in our incredible theatre and specialist dance studios, before taking to the stage and showing off your skills.

## Why should I choose the course?

In this fast-paced creative industry you'll have the world at your feet! Whether you want to secure the starring role in the most popular West End show or want to help others realise their potential through teaching, you're sure to find a way to unleash your talent.

This energetic and exciting course is aimed at students who wish to pursue a career as a dancer, choreographer, or a dance teacher in community and educational settings. Previous students have gone on to run their own dance schools, teach dance in schools and colleges, or become dancers on television, in theatre or on cruise ships. This course is ideal if you wish to further develop your creative, performance and technical skills in order to progress on to university or employment within the performing arts industry.

The course focuses on developing practical and performance skills rather than preparing you for an exam, and all theory will underpin the live projects and performances you are undertaking. Each successful applicant will become a member of the college's resident dance company 'Company Boom', where students will learn the processes of being a member of a professional dance company.

## What will I learn?

Learning and rehearsing in our newly-refurbished theatre and specialist dance studios, this creative one-year course allows you to develop the practical skills and the underpinning knowledge required to be successful as a dancer/dance artist. Taking part in a variety of practical, structured workshops, you will develop your dance skills across a variety of genres and work collaboratively to rehearse and present a wide range of performing arts productions throughout the year. Modules will focus on a range of commercial and contemporary dance styles, including classical, ballet, jazz, hip hop and more. You will also focus on peer assessment and critique, choreography and solo and ensemble performance.

The course is vocationally driven and will therefore not include exams. Assessment will take place through project-based work where the emphasis is on you developing your skills and performing.



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## What will the course lead on to?

After successfully completing this course, you will have the skills and knowledge needed to progress on to employment or further education. You may wish to continue your studies at Warrington & Vale Royal College to complete your Level 3 Diploma in Contemporary & Commercial Dance and take your skills to the next level.

## Are there any links with industry and university?

Warrington & Vale Royal College is dedicated to enhancing your employability skills and knowledge of your chosen industry. Throughout your course you will take part in guest lecture workshops with employers as well as undertaking live performance projects for local community groups and employers. You will work with a variety of external agencies in order to strengthen your knowledge and experiences, including Culture Warrington, Warrington Museum, Community Objectives, and various professional theatre projects.

The expert tutors on this course have numerous industry contacts, which means you will have access to valuable work experience placements and benefit from meeting industry professionals.

## What support is available?

You will be allocated a progress coach who will provide you with support to help you succeed on your study programme and progress on to your chosen career or progression path. We have a team of staff dedicated to providing learning support if required, as well as a Welfare Team that is on hand to offer guidance, support and help when needed.

Additionally, eligible students can access a wide range of finance and funding support to help them during their time at college.

Click here for learning support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/learning-support>

Click here for finance support: <https://wvr.ac.uk/college-life/financial-support>

## Why should I choose to study the course at Warrington & Vale Royal College?

Throughout your course you will be taught by highly skilled staff with both acting and dance specialisms. The tutors in this department have excellent industry connections and are still practicing within the industry, giving you a real-life insight into the performing arts sector, and allowing you to benefit from their experience and expertise.

You will study in a range of excellent performing arts facilities including a well-equipped theatre with sprung floor, staging, lighting, and sound, along with specialist dance studios with sprung floors and floor-to-ceiling mirrors. The course focuses on developing, rehearsing, and performing a wide range of showcases throughout the year, both within college and at external venues.

On this course you will also have the opportunity to take part in enriching local and national trips to acting studios, theatre performances in the West End, and live music performances.

The performing arts department are very proud to be working alongside University of Arts London, who will be the awarding body for this qualification.



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# What are the entry requirements?

p>Minimum of four GCSEs at grade 3 or above, including English and/or maths, or successful completion of a level 1 course. If you have a GCSE grade 3 or lower in English and/or maths and wish to study at level 2, you will have to resit English and/or maths as part of your level 2 qualification.

# Are there any additional costs associated with the course?

Dance students are required to purchase their own costumes for shows and must wear black clothing for lessons (t-shirt, leggings/jogging bottoms, hoody, jumper).

You are also required to have appropriate dancewear including a black leotard/biketard, pink or black ballet shoes, pink or black tights, and black character shoes. You will also be required to provide your own basic equipment such as notebooks, folders, and pens.



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