

**SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION**  
**DANCE TEACHER (MATERNITY COVER)**

**Background:**

Dance is part of the Performing Arts Curriculum Area at Barnhill. Dance is a well-established subject within the school having been taught at the school for over 9 years. Dance is taught across KS3 and KS4. There are currently two dance teachers within the Curriculum Area. The Performing Arts Curriculum Area as a whole is a well-established and supportive team, comprising Music, Dance and Drama totalling a team of seven teachers.

**Dance Curriculum Provision:**

At KS3 Dance is taught for one hour per fortnight to both Year 7 and 8. In Years 7 and 8 all classes are mixed gender and the curriculum is designed for engagement and to link with learning at KS4. Students study one style/theme per term. Topics/styles covered include Cartoon Capers, Street Dance, Enter Achilles, Musical Theatre and Honda Accord (COG).

At KS4 there are three classes: Year 9, 10 and 11. KS4 is taught over three years. Year 9 and 10 have 5 hours per fortnight and Year 11 have 4 hours. Students are taught in mixed ability and mixed gender groups. The Year 9 and 10 students are studying the BTEC Tech Award and the Year 11 students are studying the GCSE Dance (AQA) specification. Year 11 students will have completed all practical elements of the GCSE by Easter therefore the focus for the summer term will be the theory exam, for which there are extensive resources available to support revision.

**Staffing:**

The Performing Arts Curriculum Area consists of a Curriculum Leader of Performing Arts and then subject leads for Dance, Drama and Music. The remainder of the Performing Arts Team is made up of teachers with a wide range of experiences and responsibilities (including pastoral leaders and main scale teachers). There are 7 teachers within Performing Arts: three Drama teachers, two Music teachers and two Dance teachers. We have excellent facilities, with a purpose built dance studio which has mirrors, a sprung floor, TV and laptop and sound system. Within Performing Arts we also have two drama studios, two music rooms, a music studio and practice rooms, a whole school stage in the Assembly Hall for performances and a Performing Arts office situated in the dance studio.

**Extra-Curricular:**

Extra-curricular provision is a vital part of the Performing Arts Curriculum Area and we pride ourselves on the range of opportunities we provide students. Some of the extra-curricular opportunities specific to Dance include Rock Challenge, Secondary and Primary Dance Festivals, workshops and Theatre Trips. As a Curriculum Area we run half termly Showcases where students can audition and showcase work from lessons/extra-curricular and we run an annual school production in the summer term.