

Weatherhead High School

Dance Department



We are looking for a passionate and dedicated Teacher of Dance to join our dynamic and high-achieving Dance Department. This is an exciting opportunity for a talented individual who is eager to inspire students and identify and develop talent. We are looking for someone who is committed to securing high standards of teaching and learning, who will contribute to the department's continued success and encourage students to excel, both academically and personally. You will have the opportunity to lead part of our large enrichment programme, providing high-quality experiences for students, both within the curriculum and through extra-curricular activities. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to teach a variety of students, from Key Stage 3 through to A Level, sparking curiosity and helping students appreciate the power of performance.

Dance is taught across the age and ability ranges by two specialist teachers. At Key Stage 3, students develop their creative, physical, expressive and teamwork skills by learning and applying fundamental dance techniques. They also cultivate their dance skills through the study and practical exploration of various genres, culminating in opportunities to perform in a range of styles. Dance is a popular GCSE subject and currently there are 76 students studying at Key Stage 4 and a small cohort of students studying at Key Stage 5. Students study the AQA specifications at both GCSE and A Level and results are in line with national standards, although we are very ambitious for our students. Weatherhead is renowned in the local community for having a strong performing arts provision, of which Dance plays a central role.

The Dance Department provides students with exciting and enriching extra-curricular opportunities that broaden their horizons and extend their experiences beyond the classroom. Students are able to showcase their talents in the annual school production; last year almost 100 students took part in High School Musical Jr., and we are now looking forward to seeing our talented performers in Grease Jr. in February 2026. The department also creates a wealth of opportunities for students to perform regularly in front of audiences. From smaller showcases for staff and peers, to our brand-new REACH Dance Show in January 2026, students are encouraged to share their passion for dance with family, friends, and the wider community. Alongside these performance opportunities, we organise theatre trips to help students appreciate live professional works, and we host a range of workshops throughout the year that are always well attended. Students also have the chance to present their own creative work through choreography evenings, and in Summer 2026 we are launching our new KS3 Choreography Competition, which is an exciting platform to celebrate originality and student voice.

The facilities in school are exceptional and we benefit from having a 500-seat theatre, a fully equipped dance studio, a recording studio and a lighting and sound control room. The facilities enhance teaching and learning and help students to develop their technical and performing skills.

Dance sits alongside Drama and Music in the Performing Arts faculty. The team of teachers work closely together on the planning and delivery of the curriculum and extra-curricular programme, and they are ably supported by a full-time technician.

For further information and opportunity to explore the department please visit our Curriculum Area on the school website: <https://weatherheadhigh.co.uk/project/dance/>