

## Year 9 Dance Award

### Audition Guidelines

Selection for a Dance Award is by a practical audition which will take place in the Dance Studio. Appropriate dance clothing should be worn to allow easy movement. The whole process will take approximately one to two hours, depending on the number of applicants.

### Dance Performance

#### Warm Up/Group Dance

Applicants will be welcomed by King's Ely Senior's Director of Drama and Theatre, Oliver Pengelly, and will then participate in a group workshop led by Dance Assistant, Natasha Hobbs, in which they will warm up together and be given a piece of choreography to learn. Their level of engagement as well as their ability to show physical skills, movement memory, musicality and spatial awareness successfully will be assessed.

#### Solo performance

Applicants must perform a solo piece of choreography (any style) to any piece of music which offers scope to show a range of movement qualities, dynamics, energy, expression and creativity. The solo piece should last 1-2 minutes and should be performed to a backing track. Links to the music being used should be sent in advance to [natashahobbs@kingsely.org](mailto:natashahobbs@kingsely.org). Candidates will perform their piece to the other applicants and an external adjudicator.

#### Interview

Applicants offering a dance performance will be asked about the performance they have given, previous performances and their ambitions in this area, in a formal interview with Miss Hobbs and the Director of Drama and Theatre.

#### Selection

Dance Awards are available for candidates who show a love of performance, also the potential and the will to become accomplished dancers, while being supportive members of a team. Award holders will be expected to dedicate time to extra-curricular productions and will automatically be given membership to 'King's Ely-te', the school's competitive dance troupe.