

Student Testimonials

Dance at Northbrook MET

Oliver Grubb: 2013-2015

Level 3 Dance



“My experience on the dance course was amazing. The overall experience not only helped me physically, as I was able to improve so much with my dancing, but mentally it helped me get an idea of the dance industry, what I am going to face and how I can navigate it effectively. The teachers are not only there to help you become a better dancer, but a smarter one and they will support you, even after you’ve finished”.

Recent work: SeaCruiseUK – production dancer. Currently going onto his 2nd contract travelling around Asia.

Olivia Cann: 2016-2018

“Northbrook Met College offered so many new amazing opportunities for me to grow as a dancer and performer. Our training consisted of everything from ballet to commercial; training within different styles allowed me to explore new areas of dance that I haven’t experienced before.

This was challenging and pushed me to become a more versatile dancer, which opened my eyes to what route I wanted to go down after leaving Northbrook. Charlotte was an engaging and enthusiastic teacher that always encouraged me to achieve my best. I had opportunities to perform at ‘Move It’ two years in a row on the main stage, along with performing at the Theatre Royal Windsor for the ‘Mane Chance Gala’. I also had the chance to play a lead role in one of the narrative shows; this gave me an insight into working within a company setting ,which boosted my confidence and improved my technique during a performance. To top everything off, Northbrook was such a fun and positive place to be where I could always escape to. I could not have asked for a more incredible and rewarding time at Northbrook MET”.

Level 3 Dance



Currently training at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance.
BA(Hons) Contemporary Dance

Lucy Rose Burns: 2014-2016

Level 3 Dance



“I attended Northbrook College back in 2014 doing the Level 3 Btec in Dance. Since then I’ve managed to secure a place at the Wilkes Academy to train professionally but I can honestly say Northbrook was a highlight of my study! We put on great shows using Northbrook’s theatre & also attended outside occasions such as Rock Challenge and Worthing Music & Arts Festival! The teachers are fantastic and really give you confidence and help you grow as a performer”.

Currently teaching dance, fitness and PT sessions.

Laura Nairne: 2016-2018

Level 3 Dance



“I remember coming away from my audition at Northbrook having been totally inspired by what I was told I could achieve there and, looking back, I can hardly recognise what I was like then compared with my ability upon leaving. Over my time on the course I have grown massively not just as a dancer but as an overall performer. The opportunities I have been given for learning and developing my dance and performance ability are huge, both through the excellent teaching I have received and the numerous performances I have been involved in throughout the two years - this has ranged from shows in Northbrook’s own theatre to performances at the Theatre Royal Windsor and on the main stage at Move It. As well as having these opportunities, I think what sets Northbrook apart is how imaginative the tutors are in what they create and what we are thereby able to be a part of and learn from. I have been so genuinely inspired by this creativity, as well as the tutors’ own ability and knowledge gained through being industry professionals themselves. They go above and beyond to deliver the highest standard of teaching as well as provide any personal support you may need. For me, this course has been the perfect stepping stone between secondary school and a top performing arts college. I recommend it to anyone who has a passion for dance and is serious about a career in the performing arts industry”.

Currently training at Bird College. BA(Hons) Professional Dance & Musical Theatre.

Megan Hutley: 2016-2018

Level 3 Dance



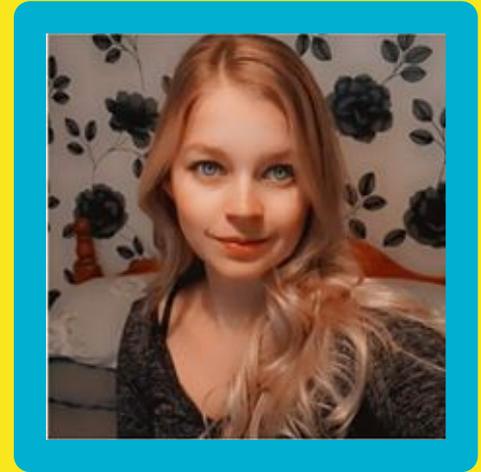
“My time at Northbrook College was an amazing 2 years which I enjoyed a lot! Not only did I build in confidence, I had fantastic teachers that helped me get there. They always had a positive attitude and pushed you to be your best! The shows were always enjoyable and something you looked forward to every term. I would recommend anyone who is looking to start their dancing journey at Northbrook to definitely find out more and audition”.

Currently studying at the University of Gloucestershire. Criminology and Psychology (BSc Hons)

Katie Standing: 2013-2018

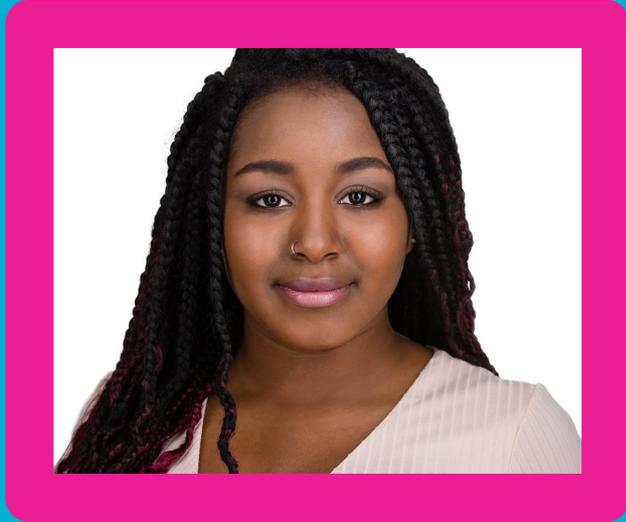
Level 3 Dance & BA(Hons)

“I studied at Northbrook college from the age of 16 for 5 years. The memories I made there I will carry with me forever. Some of my best memories would be collaborating with all the different departments on ‘Copacabana’ the musical in the onsite theatre with all of my friends. The teachers were always on hand to help me with my coursework, they taught valuable life lessons and strict discipline, which I will carry with me throughout my career and life. Working alongside a variety of departments helped expand my knowledge and gave me different friendship groups which I am still in contact with. Dance was my main discipline, we took part in many different discipline styles. When creating our dance shows we tried to incorporate a variety of styles to keep the audience guessing what would be next, our own students would also create pieces alongside guest choreographers who have worked in the industry, giving a sense of diversity within the performances”.



Zainab Wilson: 2015-2017

Level 3 Dance



“I really enjoyed my time at Northbrook, I learnt so much about dance and myself, and left feeling confident. The course taught me a lot more than just dance and over the two years I got to integrate with students in makeup, technical theatre and music, giving me an insight on how it is to work in the dance industry. The intimate environment in the dance department means I got time for one-to-one tutoring within classes and allowed me to establish great relationships with all my teachers and classmates”.

Emily Hardy: 2018-2019

Level 3 Dance

“Training for a year at Northbrook was the best choice I could have made in helping me develop as a performer. Having always enjoyed dance but never studied it properly, the course at Northbrook gave an amazing grounding in all styles, from Ballet to Commercial. The teaching at Northbrook is equally friendly and professional, and really focuses on the importance of learning and applying technique. The small class sizes mean that each student receives individual attention and the course is really tailored each specific class, which in some styles means splitting into different levels of experience. This creates an encouraging and safe space to learn as everyone is working at a level that suits them. The teachers at Northbrook are incredible.

They helped me improve so much as a dancer but more than that, they really helped me as a person, especially towards the end of the course. I unfortunately wasn't able to dance in our final showcase due to an operation; they helped me finish the course and also provided so much support and understanding, and for that I am so grateful. I left Northbrook with confidence to continue dancing and feeling prepared for future auditions and performances. I also left with the most amazing group of friends who I have loved going back to watch perform in their second year shows”.



Currently auditioning for drama schools.

Chloe Maya Wilson: 2013-2015

Level 3 Dance



“Training at Northbrook was a fantastic two years for me! I feel with the variety of versatile lessons, staff and colleagues, I was really pushed to reach my higher potential. I was constantly reminded that the more you put into your training the more you get out, which is one of the most valuable lessons I have learned. The teachers at Northbrook are so experienced and passionate about what they teach, that it brings out the best in everyone and gives you a great foundation to start your career. I would highly recommend it for anyone who is wanting a career in dancing, whether it be performance based or teaching”.

Recent Work: SerendipityCastings & Global Village, Dubai

Scarlett Jones: 2016-2017

Level 3 Dance



“I enjoyed every second while studying Dance at Northbrook. The teachers are so supportive and around to help every step of the way. I learnt lifelong skills and made friends that I will have forever.

My only regret is not staying at Northbrook to complete the Degree course!”

Heidi Van-Nimwegen: 2016-2018

Level 3 Dance



“Northbrook helped my passion for dance in amazing ways! It gave me the platform to be more creative with choreography and work on my technique as a dancer. My confidence improved an incredible amount as I made new friends, and had lots of support from teachers! I got to perform in many shows in the college theatre, as well as the main stage at Move It and even in The Theatre Royal Windsor for a Charity Gala. I’m very thankful to have gone to Northbrook because it gave me the foundations of being a better dancer/performer and helped my journey for future education and successes”.

Currently studying at Stella Mann Performing Arts College. HND in Performing Arts.

Tobias Richards: 2015-2017

Level 3 Dance

“Northbrook college provides a solid base of training for all its students. As well as developing technical dance skills, the course teaches the importance of dance quality and performance. Teachers work tirelessly to provide a high standard of classes to help each and every student advance their technical standard in ballet, jazz and contemporary. You have the opportunity to choreograph your own work, giving you an appreciation of creative processes and collaborating with other pathways. This course provides you with the skill base to branch out into various parts of the industry such as musical theatre or specialise in one particular route such as contemporary dance. The diversity of classes and projects allows you to fully explore performing arts and prepare you for your next steps”.



Currently training at Millennium Performing Arts.
BA(Hons) Dance & Musical Theatre

Paola Cragg: 2013-2015

Level 3 Dance



“I chose to study at Northbrook College as I felt it offered the opportunity to further my training as both a performer and a dancer. The College allowed me to enhance my potential, pushing me closer to my dream of becoming a professional dancer. I particularly enjoyed the structure of the two-year diploma course, especially how it was tailored to suit individuals based on their abilities, interests and strengths. I believe Northbrook gave me outstanding teaching, support and guidance, but also a solid training and environment in which I could succeed. The course was challenging and physically demanding, but this gave me the determination and enthusiasm in which to learn, perform and succeed. My experience at Northbrook was full of opportunities to get the most out of the course, whilst actively taking part in college life.”

Recent work: Redcoat Dancer/Entertainer at Butlins, Bognor Regis.

Laura Sheldrick: 2013-2017

Level 3/Foundation Degree Dance

“I studied dance and Northbrook college from 2013-2016. During my time there I learnt so many new things – different styles, techniques and useful skills. One thing that particularly stands out to me is the professionalism and the opportunities to put on a range of different shows in a working theatre, collaborating with many different other courses. This meant the shows were well costumed, the sound was spot on and the lighting was perfect for each piece. One thing I miss is the support and guidance given by all members of staff at the college. They helped to improve my technique and performance skills, but also helped me boost my confidence in styles I found a little harder than others. Nothing was ever too much trouble and I felt that I was pushed in every style to help me reach my potential.”

Kelly Green: 2015-2017

Level 3 Dance

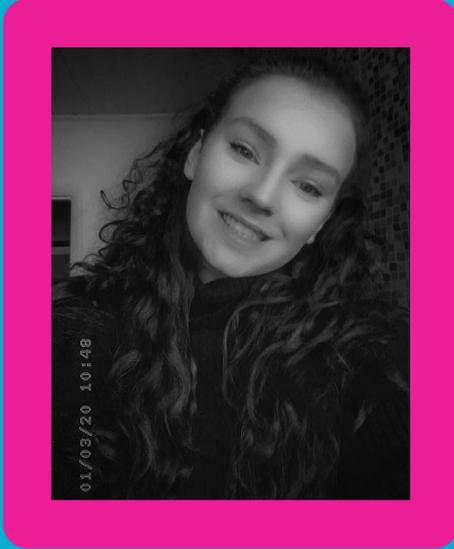


Currently training at Performers College. BA (Hons) Musical Theatre and Dance.

“I studied the dance course for two years at Northbrook MET. Some of my best memories were at Northbrook; the dance course was full of opportunities and allowed me to grow as an overall performer. The course offers so much more than dance, with singing and acting combined, it’s definitely a great way to get serious training in this profession and aid you towards higher education or further training. The course allowed me to work on my organisation, punctuality and build lifelong relationships with teachers and students. The teachers are extremely knowledgeable, with all having experience in the industry, which enables you to get the best training possible coming from people who have been in the same boat as you and want you to succeed! I can’t thank the Northbrook staff on the dance course enough for the training and encouragement. Reflecting on my time there, it helped my growth into becoming the performer and person I am today.”

Nicole Redington: 2016-2018

Level 3 Dance



“I attended Northbrook College from 2016–2018 doing the Dance Level 3 Diploma. While dancing is my passion, I knew I would struggle with my coursework but with a lot of help and support from the fabulous dance teachers I was able to complete the course. The support I received was nothing short of amazing. The diploma covers a wide variety of dance styles and all shows are hard work, character building but fun and exciting at the same. I made friends for life and I’ll never forget my experience.”

Chloe Brooker: 2016-2019

Level 2 Performing Arts & Level 3 Dance



“While I was at Northbrook I learnt how to be more confident in myself and that I'm capable of more than what I think. Not only did I develop a wide variety of dance skills, we covered so many aspects relating to performing arts and theatre. I'd never seen myself doing a singing assessment or singing on stage while using a mic but because I had some incredible teachers that believed I could, then believed I could. Northbrook helped me so much overall in believing in myself and I'm forever grateful.”

Currently studying at the University of Roehampton. Dance (BA)

Alexei Hawkey: 2014-2016

Level 3 Dance



Recent work: Production Performer for Carnival UK P&O Flagship, Britannia sailing around the Caribbean.

“My experience and training at Northbrook gave me a massive insight in what the performing arts industry entailed. This course really helped me in various ways and helped improve my dance ability, covering a wide range of different genres in order for me to pursue my dream career. The course tests you physically and mentally and the support from the teachers maintain your motivation to do well. Their commitment and passion to the arts shows by their way of teaching. They always want the best for you. They encouraged and pushed me to my full ability. I wouldn't be where I am today without their encouragement and support.”