



ONLJ Profile

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London Contemporary Dance School (The Place)

Contemporary dance

What led you to choose this particular degree?

I chose dance as my major because I fell in love with it. I've always had a passion for the arts, and the excitement dance gave me was incomparable to any other subject. It's such a pure art form, allowing for creativity and expression through the body. I couldn't imagine myself pursuing a non-creative field, and even if I hadn't chosen dance as my major, I believe I would have found a way to work with or be connected to dance in some capacity.

How was your university experience?

I absolutely loved it. I was constantly surrounded by people who love dancing, moving, and creating. We had technique classes in the morning and workshops, repertory or collaborative projects in the afternoon - I was spending the whole day doing what I love, in a vibrant building full of music and sweat. I also love living in London, where it's bustling with galleries, performances, and opportunities to collaborate with various other artists.

What are you currently engaged in? What motivated you to pursue this specific career path?

Throughout my BA course, I most enjoyed choreographing and sharing creativity with others. Currently I'm engaged in a range of positions - I am working as a dancer, choreographer, movement director, model, basically creating and collaborating with different artists. I will also be studying a Master's in Performance design and practice at Central Saint Martins - University of the Arts London.

Share some cherished memories from your time at NLCS Jeju.

I remember how much I loved Arts Week, when I had the opportunity to work with visiting artists, one of whom I recently had the chance to perform for at the National Theatre! Arts Week was definitely the turning point when I realised that pursuing dance as my major was the right path for me. I also miss the basketball squad, student-led theatre performances, and even small moments like grabbing snacks at the Smiley Cafe with friends or enjoying weekend exeat.

