Programme of study for Dance – Year 9

Dance is taught one every two weeks for year 9 students and all students will study at three units of dance. The three units of Dance aim to cover the three core elements of the subject; Performance, Choreography and Appreciation.

Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3
Other timescale: Half term 1 and 2	Other timescale: Half term 3 and 4	Other timescale: Half term 5 and 6
From: Autumn 1 To: Autumn 2	From: Spring 1 To: Spring 2	From: Summer 1 To: Summer2
Topic / Big Question:	Topic / Big Question:	Topic / Big Question:
Around the World	Costa Concordia	Technical Study
Students will learn a different style of Dance approximately every two weeks. Some of the styles will be based on a West End Musical and some will be based on professional Dance works. This is a project that will span a full term. Once the students have spent time in each style of dance they will choose one that suits them for their project. As a group they will develop the idea into a performance before Christmas. This is a good unit to give students a wide range of experiences. Skills(students should be able to do): Challenging jumps Challenging motifs to develop Group work to develop a performance Handstand (higher ability)	Students explore the stimulus/idea of a real life event and use this as a starting point to create movement in the form of motifs. Students will learn one teacher motif based on searching. Students will need to create two new motifs based on the ship sinking and one on evacuation. Action card resources will be available to give students movement ideas. The technique warm ups also help build up students' repertoire of actions. Students develop their choreographic skills through this unit, using Action, Space, dynamic and relationships to develop their motifs. Students will be introduced to new choreographic devices such as retrograde. Skills (students should be able to do): Pair work Choreography skills and devices	Students will develop their technical and physical skills as a dancer in this unit. The unit aims to build up students' technical and physical skills in terms of posture, alignment, accuracy, timing and musicality. Students will be assessed individually on their technique and will have an element of choice of certain sections of the set phrase. Skills (students should be able to do): Accurate performance of a set phrase Demonstrating a range of Physical skills
Key Learning Outcomes (students should know): Overall aim:	Key Learning Outcomes (students should know): Overall aim: Students will create an original choreography	Key Learning Outcomes (students should know): Overall aim: To develop students' technical and physical skills
Students create a performance based on their selected style of Dance. Students will perform	where they have created their own motifs based on a stimulus. Students will perform their	through Dance. Students demonstrate a range of

the original motif plus actions ideas of their own to create a short choreography. Students will need to demonstrate style of dance through their performance.	choreography which includes their developed motifs and variety of choreography skills.	these skills through their performance with the main aim of showing accuracy in their performance.
 End of unit 1 assessment to cover: Choreography – How students have developed movement to portray their selected style of Dance. Have they worked well in a group to do this? Performance- Can students perform in a role throughout their performance? Appreciation- Can students reflect on their own and others' performance? Building understanding: Rationale / breakdown for your sequence of lessons: This unit aims to develop students skills in a range of Dance styles. Students will be introduced to a variety of performance and choreography skills that extends on their knowledge learnt in year 7 and 8. Home – Learning: 	 End of unit 2 assessment to cover: Choreography – How students have developed movement to portray the stimulus of Costa Concordia. Have they worked well in a group to do this? Performance- Can students perform in a role throughout their performance? Appreciation- Can students reflect on their own and others' performance? Building understanding: Rationale / breakdown for your sequence of lessons: This unit aims to stretch and challenge students' choreography skills using a range of choreographic devices. The difficulty here will be developing a choreography that is longer in length and is able to show a clear narrative. Home – Learning: 	 End of term 3 assessment to cover: Choreography – How students have developed movement to portray their selected style of Dance. Have they worked well in a group to do this? Performance- Can students demonstrate a range of physical skills in their performance? Appreciation- Can students reflect on their own and others' performance? Building understanding: Rationale / breakdown for your sequence of lessons: This unit gives students the technical grounding to take GCSE Dance. The GCSE course requires one learnt technique performance from the exam board and students are tested for accuracy. This unit is a springboard to the technique unit for GCSE Dance. Home – Learning:
Research Mathew Bourne and how he recreates traditional Ballets. Complete a self assessment document	Complete a choreography log booklet reflecting on the choreography process.	Students rehearse the technical study after school, at least two rehearsal slots prior to the assessment.
Reading / literacy: Key dance terminology (Barrel jump, contemporary, narrative, choreography, appreciation) Communication- How students can comment on own and others performance Reading- Students reading outcomes from the board. Students reading outcomes from the board Research the key terms and other professional dance works by Mathew Bourne.	Reading / literacy: Key dance terminology (Question and answer, contemporary, narrative, retrograde, motif and development) Communication- How Students can comment on own and others performance Reading- Students reading outcomes from the board and year 9 choreography log. Research choreographic skills.	Reading / literacy: Key dance terminology (Physical skills, posture, alignment, musicality and timing) Communication- How Students can comment on own and others performance Reading- Students reading outcomes from the board and Terminology test. Students reading outcomes from the board

Numeracy:	Numeracy:	Numeracy:
Counting into the music to know when to start	Counting into the music to know when to start	Counting into the music to know when to start
Keeping their timing throughout the performance (counting in their head)	Keeping their timing throughout the performance (counting in their head)	Keeping their timing throughout the performance (counting in their head)
Problem solving- working on the Dance style	Problem solving- working out the key skills to	Problem solving- Building resilience and rehearsing
that suits their skill level	create a unique choreography.	over and over to improve technique.
	 Enrichment / opportunities to develop cultural capital (including careers, WRL and SMSC): Dance club- After school each week for all year groups At least three performance opportunities throughout the year. Friends and family performance, The Dance Festival, The whole school production and FHS got talent. Some are performed on the main stage and some are in the sixth form drama studio. Students who don't want to perform can still get involved and help with front of house or backstage such as lighting, props and set design. SMSC- working with different people and sharing ideas, developing confidence and peer relationships. 	