

Subject: Year 7 Dance Carousel

Carousel Rotation

To ensure our curriculum provides a broad range of experiences and learning opportunities, students will study a range of subjects on a carousel. These subjects will last one term and all students will have the opportunity to experience these subjects over the course of an academic year.

Prior knowledge:

Dance is a compulsory part of the PE curriculum from Key Stage 1 to 3 so students will have had some exposure to Dance in primary school. The phrase in the curriculum states students should '*Perform dances using a range of movement patterns*' so the ambiguous statement means that the dance knowledge and skills gained differs greatly between students.

Term 1 knowledge:

Students will have one term of Dance in Year 7 and will be introduced to the fundamentals of Dance. During the term, students will develop the foundation knowledge of safe practice in Dance and the key elements of Dance (Action, Space, Dynamics, Relationships & Choreographic Devices). They will develop skills and knowledge through learning, creating, performing, and watching choreography. They will begin to develop key dance technique through their study of different dance styles and practitioners. Students will also watch existing dance repertoire and appreciate the different elements that contribute to an effective performance. They will explore the different roles that work together to make it effective including dancers, choreographers, and designers, alongside learning how production features such as movement content, costume and staging/set enhance the performance. Through this exploration they will also be able to make comments on what they have seen.

Future knowledge:

The knowledge and skills developed in Year 7 supports students' ability to progress in Year 8. They will have furthered their understanding of the skills and knowledge required to make a dance piece effective and will be prepared to analyse dance performances in more depth and learn more challenging repertoire. Students' confidence will have increased so they will be more able to apply themselves practically in future dance lessons and advance their technique and performance skills.