

BTEC Dance Summer Independent Learning Activity

Welcome to BTEC Dance, please complete the following tasks ready for your first day at Pontefract New College.

Task 1 Compulsory Content

Understanding the origins of Jazz Dance.

Task 1.1 – Create a visual timeline on the origins of Jazz Dance. Ensure you cover the following topics;

- Where Jazz dance originated?
- What styles have developed jazz dance?
- Who are key choreographers/practitioners of the style?
- Features of the style – what makes Jazz, Jazz?

Task 1.2 – Watch, analyse and make notes on the following clips from West Side Story.

1. West Side Story

The Prologue

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bxoC5Oyf_ss

Cool

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wugWGHltaQA>

When analysing any professional work, please ensure you make comments on the ‘constituent features’ including:

- Lighting
- Costume
- Music (Aural setting)
- Set
- Stylistic features of the dance – including dancers used.
- How do the above features communicate the themes?

Task 2

1.2 – The Role of A Dancer

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/dancer>

Research the role of a professional dancer and consider the following;

- Roles and Responsibilities
- Contacts
- Lifestyle

- Training providers
- Working Conditions

Assessment: You will be assessed on your knowledge of Jerome Robbins as a practitioner and also the two professional works that have been named above.

Task 3 – Strongly Recommended Additional Content

Create a jazz dance warm up of a least three exercises these should include:

- Stretches
- Kicks
- Travel
- Turns

Please ensure you bring this work to your first Dance class in September.