

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.
(At least one side of notes per section 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=wugWGhItaQA>

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?

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 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

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.