

Fairfield High School Curriculum Overview – Year 9

Subject	Performing Arts	Why do we study these units in Year 9?
Lessons per fortnight	1	Year 9 prepares students for a deeper foundation in studying GCSE Dance by introducing all of the skills taught at this level. It also includes GCSE dance repertoire and assessment stimuli used in the Dance GCSE
Setting	Mixed in TG	

Students are encouraged to be Responsible Global Citizens through activities/content on... Good health and wellbeing (fitness, mental wellbeing, safety.)
We ensure all students experience high challenge in the subject by including... GCSE dance assessment criteria used for all practical assessments. Students analyse past student work which shows top attaining past students. GCSE Repertoire taught and developed throughout. Set phrases are physically demanding and rehearsal at home is expected.
Literacy work this year includes... Quizzes on key words - key vocabulary is displayed in the studios and referred to during lessons. Worksheets in booklets completed as homework to develop written exam answers.
Innovation and Creativity opportunities this year include... Students are encouraged to think creatively and originally in producing effective choreography which communicates specific intentions.
Employability opportunities/skills covered this year are...

Students have the opportunity to take part in professional workshops led by external providers, attend theatre trips and performances in professional settings and join our extra-curricular dance company - Synergy. They can also develop their performance skills by performing in our numerous performance events across the year. Career inspiration displays and powerpoints and delivered to give students a wider knowledge of careers associated with the performing arts

Term	Unit title	Knowledge and Understanding/content	Skills	Assessment
1	Dance: GCSE Performance piece	Using the theme of the Hunger Games to explore choreographic intent and performance skills.	Technical, physical, expressive, mental skills	Live assessment
3	GCSE set works	Using a variety of set works from GCSE Dance to explore dance intention and choreographic development. Aspects of production – set, lighting, costume, music, choreography	Technical, physical and expressive skills. Analytical and evaluative at GCSE level	Live assessment
5	Dance: Dance from different cultures and times	Background and key elements of a variety of dance styles. Performing material with accuracy.	Technical, physical and expressive skills	Live assessment