



Year 8 Dance Curriculum Map

Overview	<p>Key Stage 3 Dance is currently taught in the PE department. In Year 8, Dance is part of a rotation of four activities and is taught as one block of approximately 8 lessons. When taking part in Dance lessons Year 8 students will recall prior learning linked to basic dance skills and develop their knowledge further with a focus on the choreographic use of space.</p> <p>The main body of learning will be linked to the study of a professional dance work which allows students to consider the art of making dances and how themes can be communicated to an audience.</p>
Year 8	Timing within the school year is dependent upon the KS3 PE rotation
Topic	Developing Dance Skills: recall basic dance skills and techniques plus an exploration of the choreographic use of space in dance / Exploring a professional work: 'Nutcracker!' by Matthew Bourne.
Knowledge	Dance actions, motif development, choreographic use of space. Analysis of a professional dance work: 'Nutcracker!' by Matthew Bourne.
Skills	Understanding how to communicate themes and ideas through dance. Creating and performing dances in groups using motif development and group relationships.