

Performing Arts

Year 9 Overview

In Year 9, students deepen their understanding of contemporary performance through Physical Theatre and professional dance works. They explore Frantic Assembly techniques, focusing on physical storytelling through movement, contact work, and ensemble performance. Students also study professional dance pieces, analysing choreography, performance skills, and the creative process behind productions. Throughout the year, they refine their technical ability, analytical thinking, and collaborative performance skills.

Half Term	Curriculum Plan
1	Students explore Physical Theatre and the work of Frantic Assembly, using movement to communicate narrative and emotion. Drama Skills: Physicality, proxemics, body language, eye contact and narration.
2	Students develop practical techniques including Push Hands, Chair Duets and Round-By-Through. Drama Skills: Ensemble work, movement sequences, characterisation and rehearsal techniques.
3	Students devise and perform Physical Theatre performances inspired by Frantic Assembly. Drama Skills: Storytelling, movement, vocal projection and performance
4	Students explore professional dance works and analyse the roles involved in creating professional performances. Dance Skills: Extension, flexibility, posture, timing and projection
5	Students study choreographic devices and professional works including Hindsight 2020, Smooth Criminal and The Greatest Dance Skills: Dynamics, musicality, stamina and performance quality
6	Students create and perform choreography inspired by professional practitioners and dance styles. Dance Skills: Choreographic devices, communication of stimulus, creativity and ensemble performance.

Independent Study:

Students are expected to rehearse practical work, research theatre and dance styles, learn key terminology, and watch professional performances to support class learning.

Useful links:

[BBC Bitesize – Drama](#)

Assessments:

In each unit, students complete ongoing rehearsal assessments, practical performances, and knowledge quizzes. Students are assessed on performance quality, creativity, teamwork, and understanding of key terminology and conventions.