



AQA A LEVEL DANCE

SUMMER TASK 2019

These tasks have been designed to allow staff to gauge how effective you are at presenting key skills necessary for A Level Dance. These include research skills, reading comprehension, note taking, presentation and analytical skills.

Task 1- Research and Refinement Task

You must understand the importance of Key Modern Dance Pioneers Martha Graham and Merce Cunningham. Create a mood board/knowledge organiser (No bigger than A1 size) of key aspects of **each** practitioner's style, choreographic interests, background and training, career and significant works. This should be exceptionally well presented.

Task 2- Ballet Rambert Reading

Read the excerpt 'Ballet Rambert' by Jenny Mann and 'Ballet Rambert' by Joan White and summarise your understanding in note form, which relates to the **3 key periods** of the company. Your notes should be clear, detailed and articulate and summarise the key aspects of the designated reading. This should be formatted in a working notebook -Use colours, images, sections to make your notes easily accessible.

Hard Copies of the reading sources are available from Mrs Finney or Mrs Arnold

Task 3- Singin' in the Rain Reading

Read the following chapters from 'Singin' in the rain, The making of an American Masterpiece.': 'The reasons we had such good musicals' / 'Their feet do all the work' / 'Come on with the Rain'

- Create a profile for each of the following actors, detailing their background, training, influences and any other important information.

Gene Kelly/Stanley Donen/ Donald O'Connor/ Debbie Reynolds

Task 4- Singin' in the Rain Analysis

- . Pick **one** of the following scenes from Sitr (Mostly accessible on youtube)
- 'Fit as a fiddle' / 'Good Morning' / 'Beautiful girls' / 'Moses Supposes' / 'Singin' in the rain' / 'Make 'em laugh'

Analyse the movement content; looking at dance style, actions, space and dynamics, mood/atmosphere and narrative.

Please allow yourself plenty of time to complete the following tasks.

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Have a great summer!

