

Performing Arts in Year 8 & 9 at Arthur Mellows Village College

From Sept 2015

There are going to be some changes to the Performing Arts curriculum at Arthur Mellows to allow students to specialise in the subjects that are their strengths.

In year 7, all pupils take Dance, Drama and Music, but in year 8 & 9 we want you to continue with **two** of these subjects.

This booklet is designed to help you make the right choice for the next two years. You need to think carefully about:

- What you are good at (look at your levels, but also talk to your teachers)
- What you enjoy. Which subjects do you enjoy the most?
- What might you opt for in year 10?

Remember...this is an important choice, don't rush the decision. Talk to your parents, talk to your teachers.



Choosing Dance in Year 8

You will have two lessons every two weeks.

You will focus on the three areas of Dance:

- Performance – performing dances
- Choreography – creating dances
- Appreciation – commenting on dances

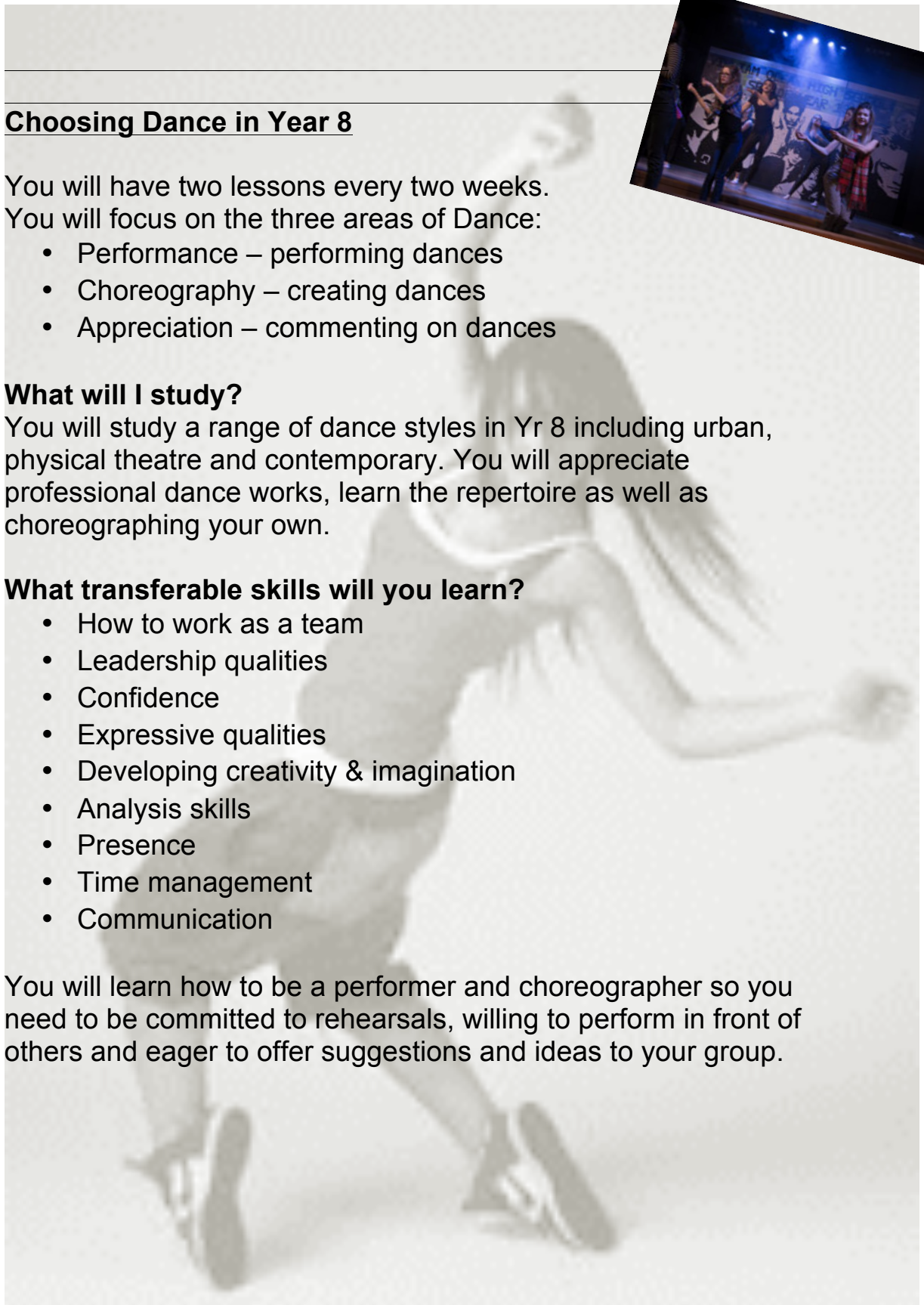
What will I study?

You will study a range of dance styles in Yr 8 including urban, physical theatre and contemporary. You will appreciate professional dance works, learn the repertoire as well as choreographing your own.

What transferable skills will you learn?

- How to work as a team
- Leadership qualities
- Confidence
- Expressive qualities
- Developing creativity & imagination
- Analysis skills
- Presence
- Time management
- Communication

You will learn how to be a performer and choreographer so you need to be committed to rehearsals, willing to perform in front of others and eager to offer suggestions and ideas to your group.



Choosing Dance in Year 9

You will have two lessons every two weeks.

You will focus on the three areas of Dance:

- Performance – performing dances
- Choreography – creating dances
- Appreciation – commenting on dances

What will I study?

You will study a range of dance styles in Yr 9 including urban and contemporary. You will appreciate professional dance works, learn the repertoire as well as choreographing your own. You will then move on to looking at how dance is portrayed in the media and make your own dance film!

What transferable skills will you learn?

- How to work as a team
- Leadership qualities
- Confidence
- Expressive qualities
- Developing creativity & imagination
- Analysis skills
- Presence
- Time management
- Communication

You will learn how to be a performer and choreographer so you need to be committed to rehearsals, willing to perform in front of others and eager to offer suggestions and ideas to your group. These qualities will be invaluable if you choose to opt for Dance in Yr 10.

Choosing music in year 8

In your music lessons we want to develop you as a musician, whatever style of music you like, or instrument you enjoy playing.

You will be focusing on three areas:

- Practical musical skills including performance and composition skills
- Listening to music and learning key music theory
- Music technology skills

If you play an instrument, you will be given a chance to use it more in class in whatever project we are completing.

We will be focusing on:

- Improving your skills on a variety of instruments including drum kit, ukulele, keyboard, your voice and guitar.
- You will be learning about and performing different styles of music like the Blues and Reggae.
- You will be forming bands to compose and perform in.
- You will be looking at music theory, and how to write down music
- You will be developing your skills in music technology.

You will be expected to work hard, have fun and learn lots of new skills that will prepare you for music GCSE if you chose to take it in year 9 & 10.

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- Practical musical skills including performance and composition skills
- Listening to music and learning key music theory
- Music technology skills

If you play an instrument, you will be given a chance to use it more in class. You do not have to be able to play an instrument to choose music in year 9, but the year will help you improve on the skills you do possess.

We will be focusing on:

- Song writing skills
- Performance of existing songs, and forming bands
- Exploring new areas of composition through music technology
- Expanding your knowledge of different styles of music
- Music theory.

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Choosing Drama in year 8

You will have two lessons every two weeks. In that time, you will continue to develop your skills as a performer along with your analytical and evaluative skills as a Drama student.

You will be focusing on three areas:

- Your ability to work effectively in a group to develop your use of the drama skills
- Your ability to perform a script or a piece of drama you have devised
- Your ability to evaluate your own work and that of others

Additionally, taking Drama in year 8 helps you learn some important transferrable skills including:

- Your ability to work as a team
- Your ability to work independently
- Communication skills
- Negotiation
- Time management skills
- Literacy skills
- Analysis of text
- Developing interpretations
- Creativity
- Public speaking/ presentation skills
- Evaluation skills

As a year 8 Drama student, you will work hard and have lots of fun! It is important to remember that in year 8, you learn

valuable skills that equip you for year 9 and GCSE. You will not be able to take GCSE drama without these skills.

Choosing Drama in year 9:

You will have two lessons every two weeks. In that time, you will continue to develop your skills as a performer along with your analytical and evaluative skills as a Drama student.

You will be focusing on three areas:

- Your ability to work effectively in a group to develop your use of the drama skills
- Your ability to perform a script or a piece of drama you have devised
- Your ability to evaluate your own work and that of others

Additionally, taking Drama in year 9 helps you learn some important transferrable skills including:

- Your ability to work as a team
- Your ability to work independently
- Communication skills
- Negotiation
- Time management skills
- Literacy skills
- Analysis of text
- Developing interpretations
- Creativity
- Public speaking/ presentation skills
- Evaluation skills

As a year 9 Drama student, you will work hard and have lots of fun! It is important to remember that in year 9, you learn

valuable skills that equip you for GCSE. You will not be able to take GCSE drama without these skills.