**Parent Tips**

**Year 8 – Spr 1**

**Contemporary Dance**

1. ***Watch this video on what Contemporary Dance is***– This will aid development in understanding for the style of Dance that you will be covering. It will work as a revision video also to recap key terms and techniques that will be used in class and in your final performance.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GaKMJgwhsAk>

1. ***Watch this video and see what elements of contemporary dance you can identify***– This will aim to develop your initial understanding about Contemporary and gain a better understanding of the subject area in general. It will also introduce new movements that you will now cover in year 8, but also develop your vocabulary to use in class academically and practically through motifs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=09yJUYDrBzg>

1. ***Let students chose a piece of Contemporary Dance to watch, this could be a YouTube clip, theatre piece or a showcase and discuss what you have seen.*** – This will aid development in communication and skills towards self and peer assessment**.** Identify a positive, improvement and next steps to be able to develop the work/performance further.
2. ***Try out a motif (A section of the dance) to recreate.*** – This is to aid a greater knowledge about how to development Contemporary Dance and how to perform this style of movement. This will also be used in class to develop your final performance and motif development to create a piece of dance.
3. ***Watch this video and makes aspirations, an example could be Akram Khan*** – This will develop confidence of the subject area, but also a greater aspiration to challenge themselves in a lesson to achieve all outcomes. He is also a choreographer that you will be talking about in class to aid discuss and possible direct questioning. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YXBbuvE8QR4>